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## 2020 Atlantic Tropical Watches and Warnings Through November 15



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### LIVE TRACK: 'Huge rainmaker' Hurricane Sally threatens historic floods

Tropics stay very active



**WAVELAND, Miss.** – Heavy rain, pounding surf and flash floods hit parts of the Florida Panhandle and the Alabama coast on Tuesday as Hurricane Sally lumbered toward land at a painfully slow pace, threatening as much as 30 inches (76 centimeters) of rain and dangerous, historic flooding.

The storm's center churned offshore 65 miles (105 kilometers) south-southeast of Mobile, Alabama, as Sally crept north-northeast toward an expected Wednesday landfall at 2 mph (3 kph), according to the National Hurricane Center. The forecast map showed the center likely coming ashore in Alabama, near the Florida line.

Hurricane force winds extended 40 miles (65 kilometers). Rain fell sideways and began covering roads in Pensacola, Florida, and Mobile. More than 80,000 power customers were without electricity, according to [poweroutage.us](https://poweroutage.us).

Source: <https://twitter.com/NWSCorpus/status/1328398818170216449>

### 2020 shatters record for billion-dollar weather, climate disasters in US

Florida impacted by two of the events

The New York Times

#### Tropical Storm Eta Causes Flooding in South Florida

Some areas saw more than 13 inches of rainfall, and there was a storm surge along the coast.



Lemay Acosta and his daughter Layla took a boat ride through their flooded neighborhood in Plantation, Fla., on Monday. Credit: Carline Jean/South Florida Sun-Sentinel, via Associated Press

By Patricia Mazzei and Frances Robles

Published Nov. 9, 2020 Updated Nov. 12, 2020

• [Go here for the latest on Eta](#)

MIAMI — South Florida awoke to streets turned into shallow rivers on Monday after [Tropical Storm Eta](#) soaked the region overnight. It dumped rain inland, caused storm surge along the coast and left hundreds of thousands of people without electricity.



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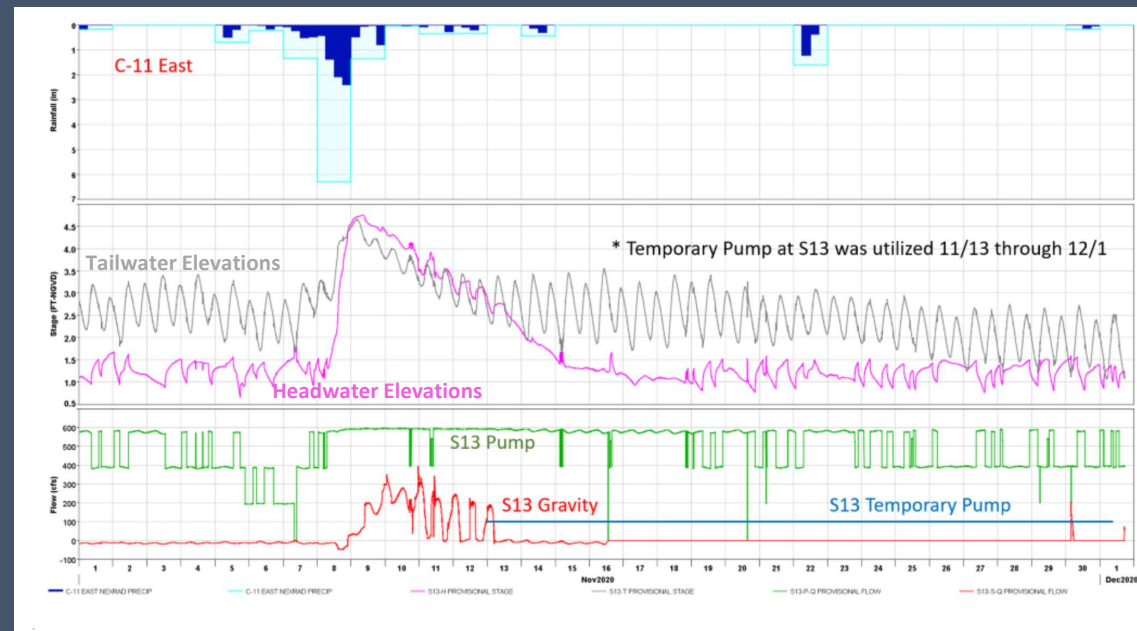
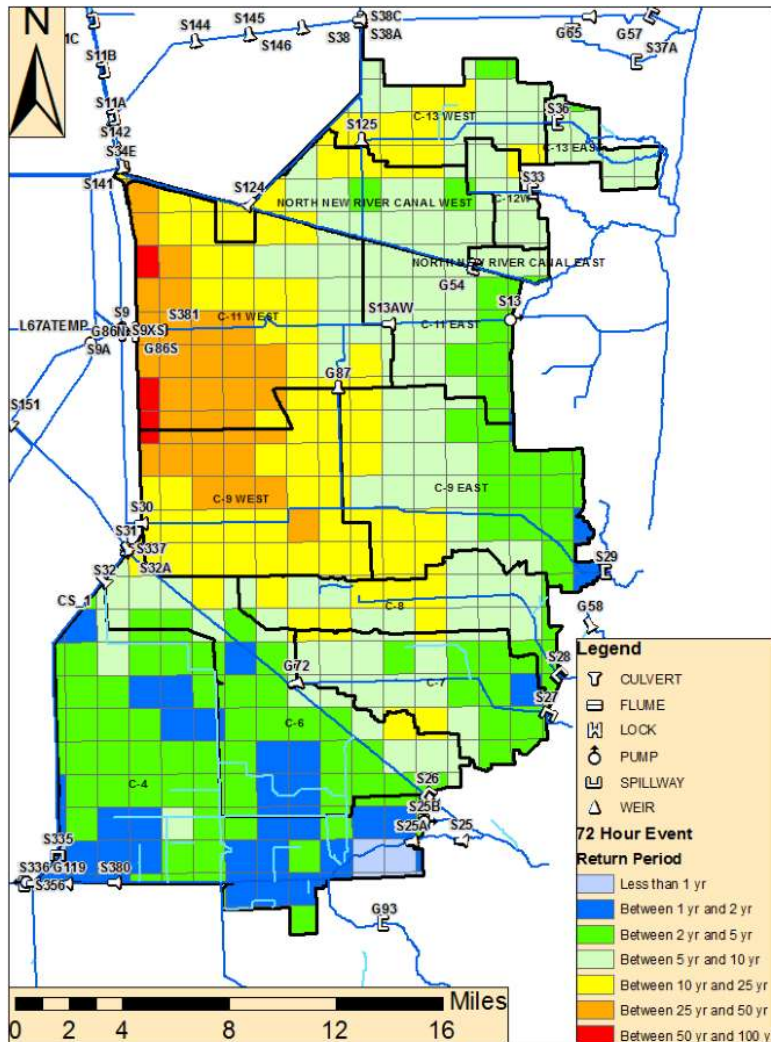
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# Tropical Storm Eta

Significant rainfall occurrences in several locations

Very wet antecedent conditions

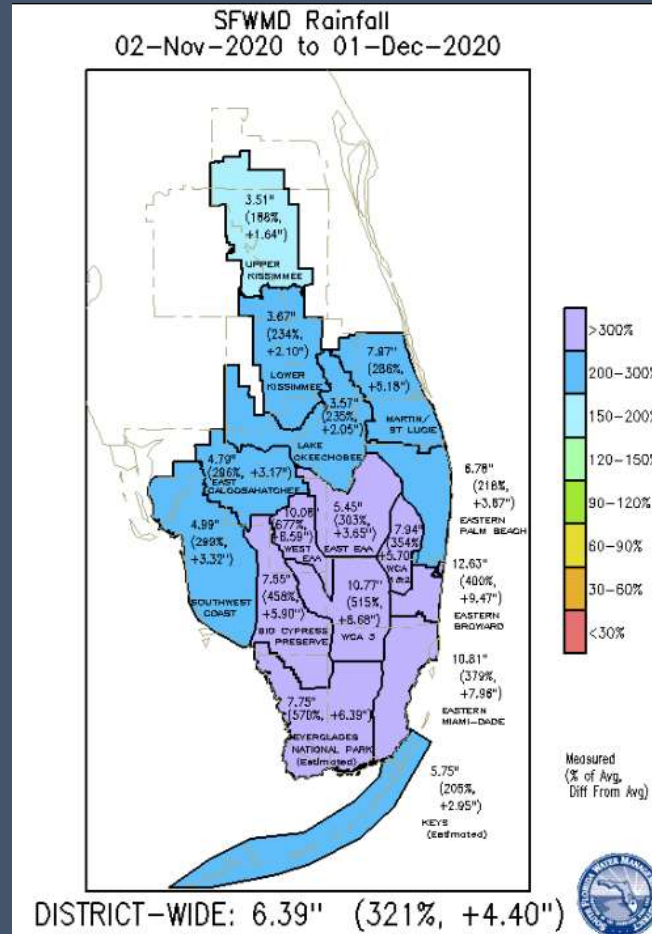
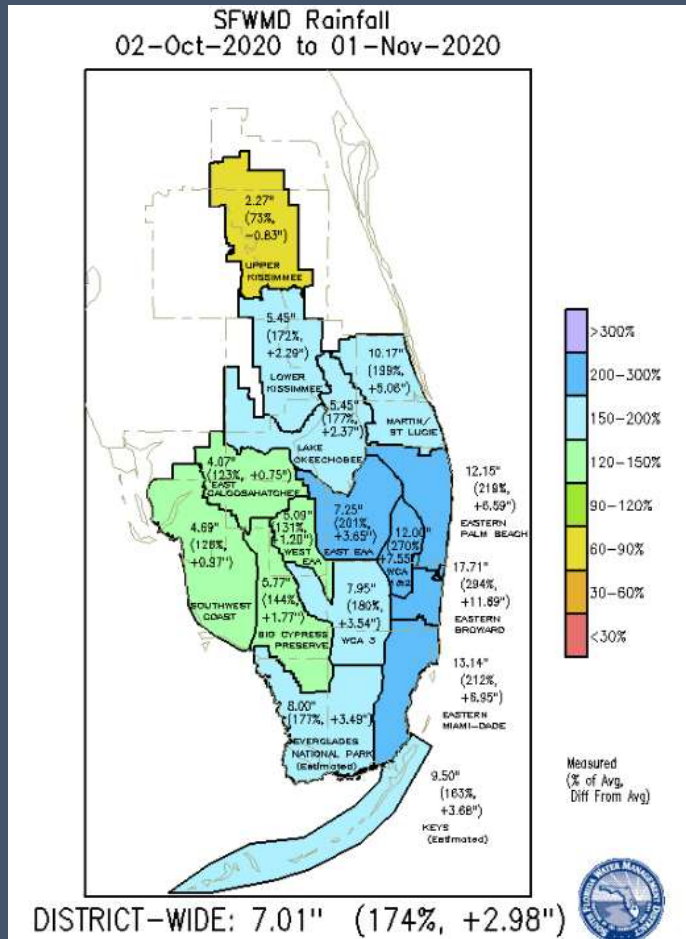


72-hour Rainfall Return Intervals over the Broward and North Miami Counties during TS Eta



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# Antecedent Rainfall Conditions



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WEATHER FORECAST

NEWS

Heavy rain is combining with king tides to submerge South Florida streets and contaminate beaches

By CHRIS PERKINS and WAYNE K. ROUSTAN

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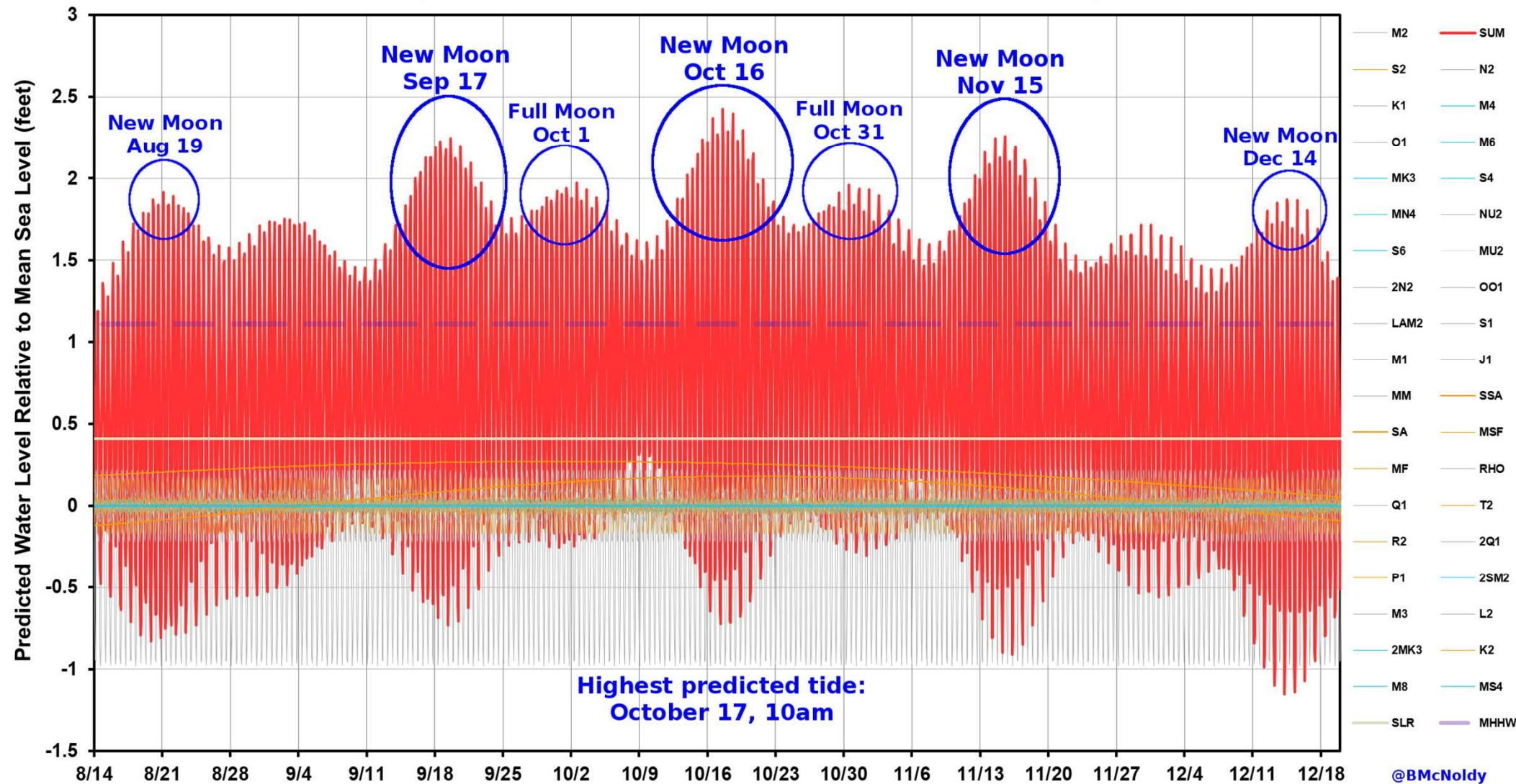


Drivers brave a flooded NW 10 Ave. in Oakland Park on Wednesday. Widespread flooding is expected as torrential rains move over the area, according to the National Weather Service. (Joe Cavaretta/South Florida Sun Sentinel)

# Hourly Water Level Predictions at Virginia Key, FL for 2020

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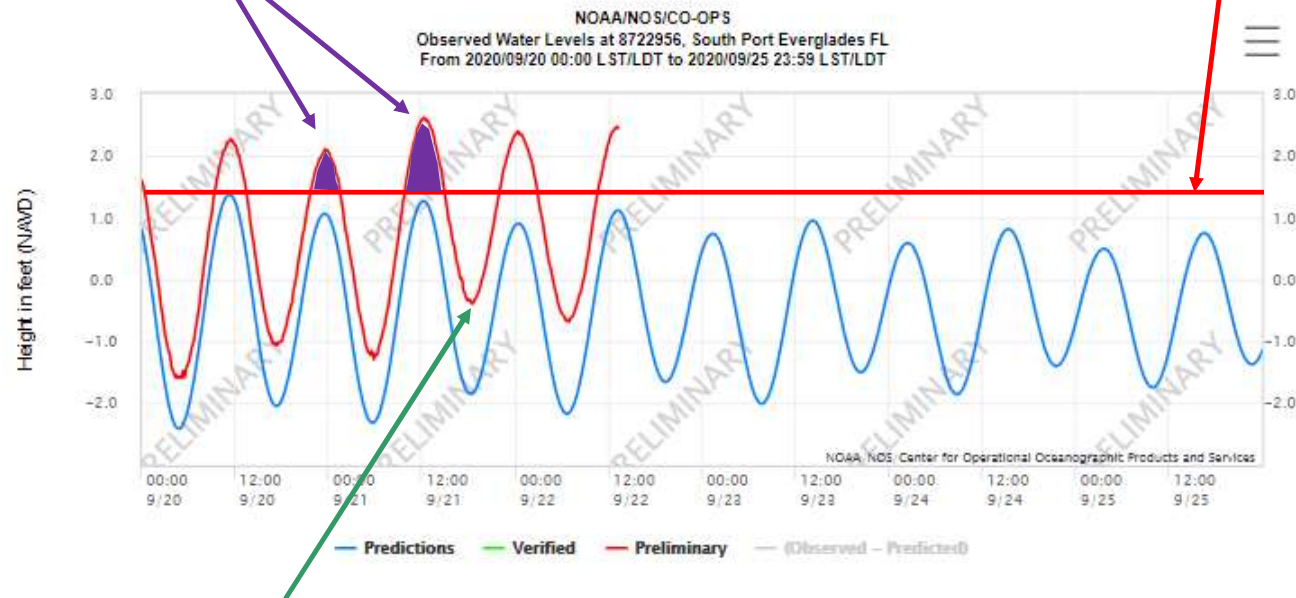
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# September Observed High Tides in Fort Lauderdale

Amount of time high tide  
remained above threshold  
9/20 pm ~ 4 hours  
9/21 for ~ 5 hours

Threshold for flooding in low  
lying areas of City of Fort  
Lauderdale



If the low tides are elevated, ponded water may not discharge.

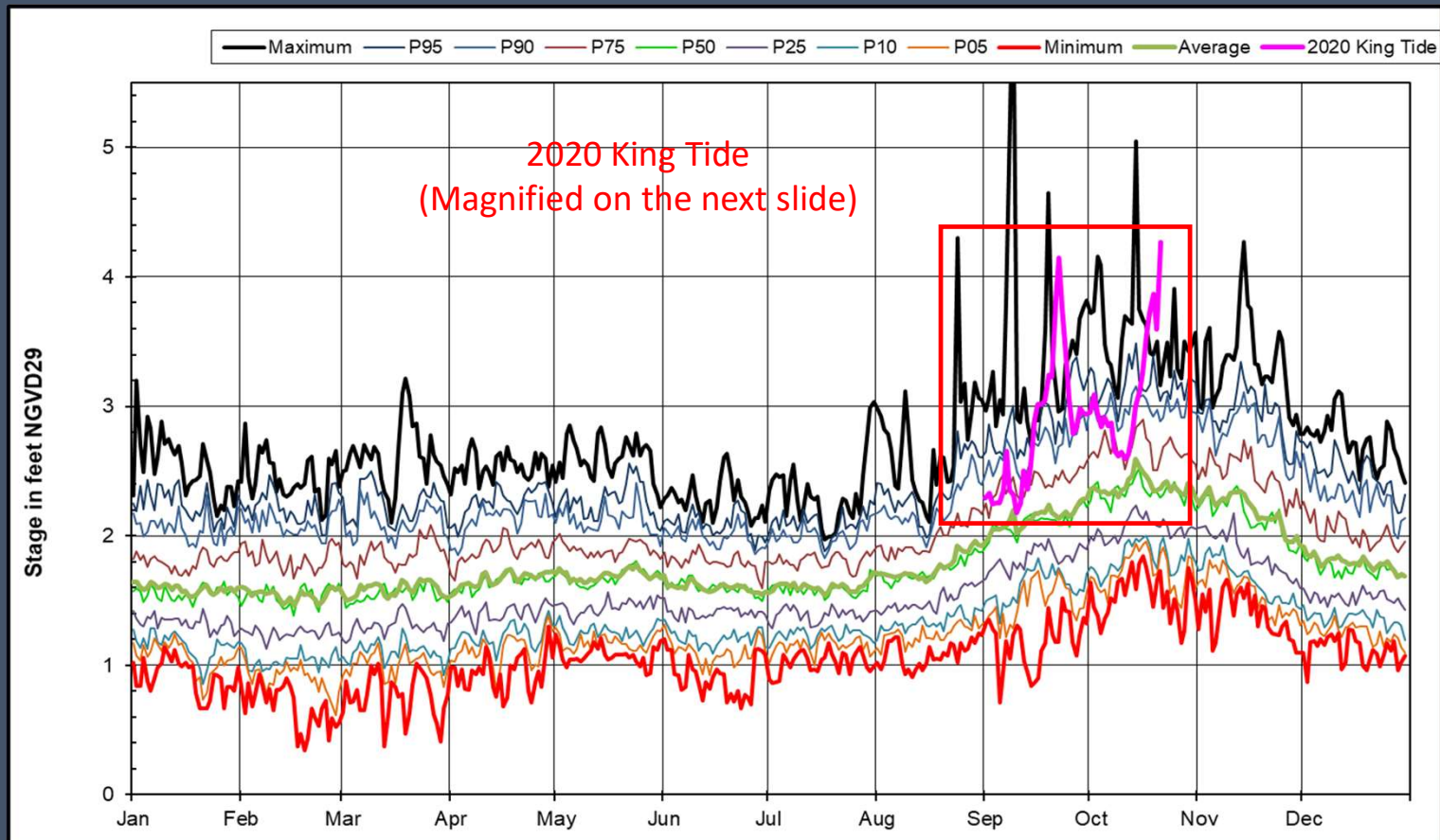
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Source: Nancy Gassman, Broward TAC Presentation, October 2020



# Cyclic Analysis of Maximum Daily TW stages

(Jan 1, 1986 – Dec 31, 2019) at S-20F

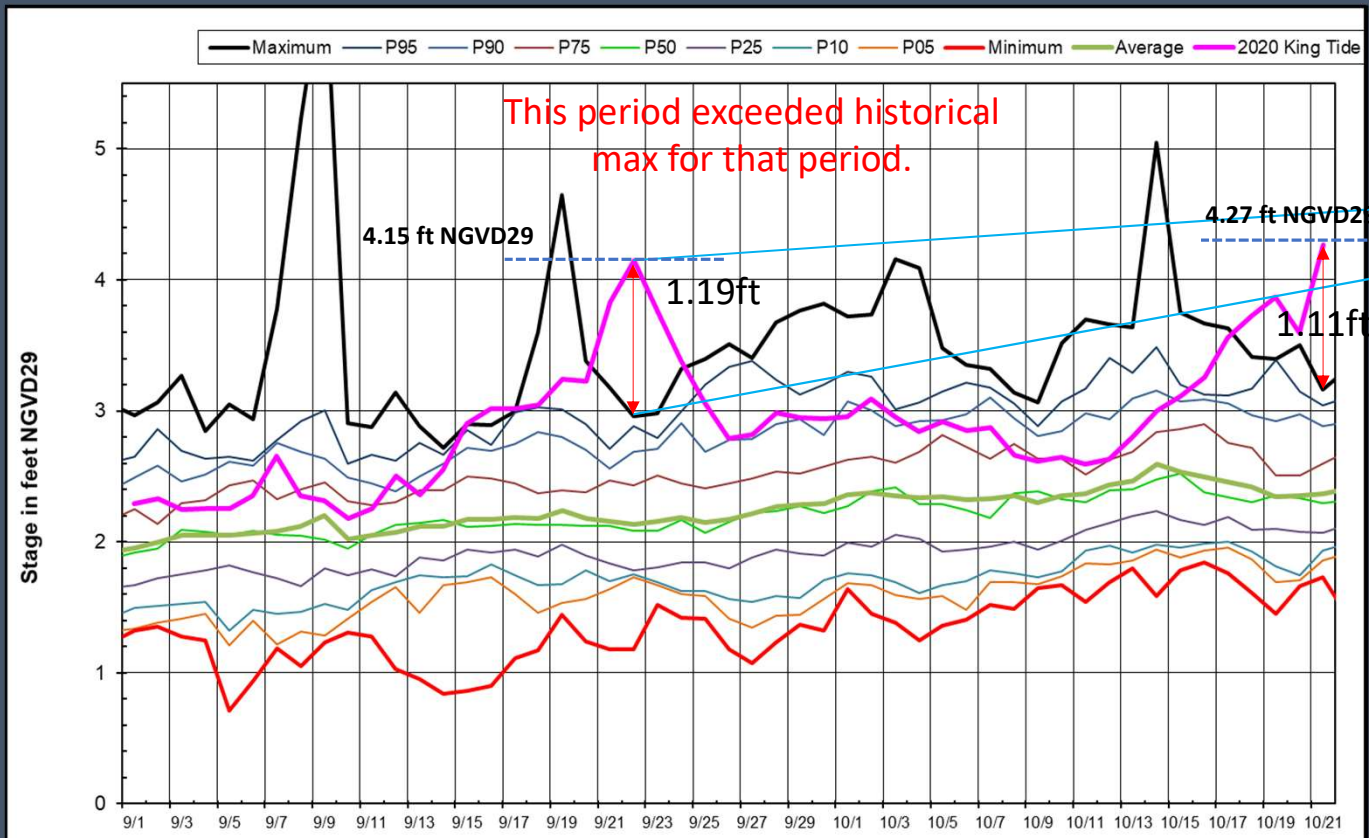


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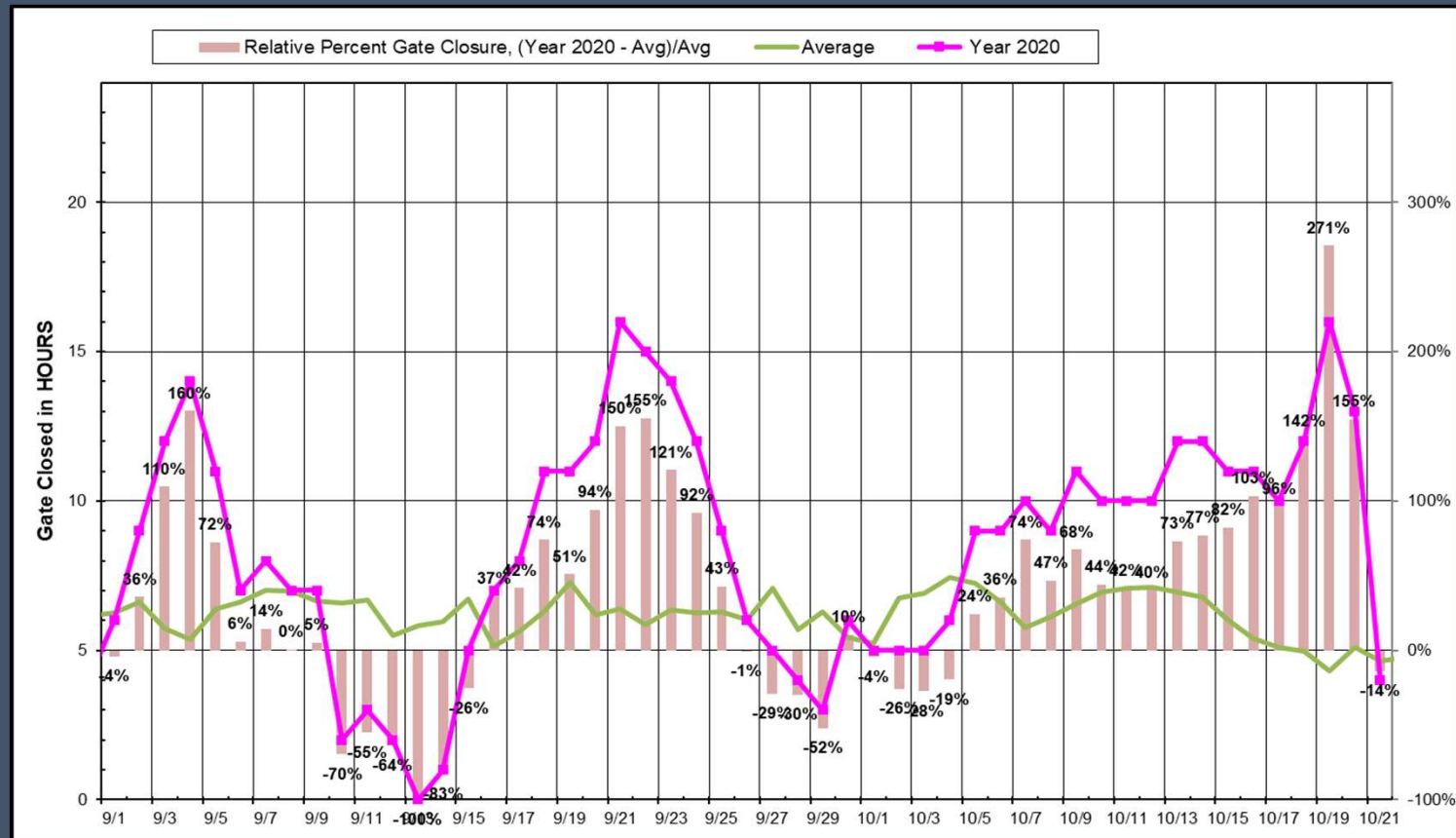


Date	09/22
<b>2020 King Tide</b>	<b>4.15</b>
Average	2.13
<b>Maximum</b>	<b>2.96</b>
Minimum	1.18
P100	2.96
P99	2.95
P98	2.95
P95	2.88
P90	2.69
P75	2.43
P50	2.08
P25	1.78
P10	1.76
P05	1.73
P00	1.18

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# Relative Percent Gate Closure

(Year 2020 – Avg)/Avg at S20F , when S-20F HW > 1.7 ft NVGD29



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# 2020 King Tide Season

## King tides bring headaches for coastal residents of South Florida



**TIDAL TROUBLE  
RIGHT NOW**

**HOLLYWOOD, Fla.** – The sight of a car stuck in the middle of Hollywood is evidence of the impact king tides are having.

Strong onshore wind is piling the water onto the street in

Hollywood resident Morgan Lorenzo says she's lived in it the past five the king tide flooding has been getting prog

"They've done some work on the road. They've raised the she said. "But just to keep up with this, I don't think infra probably the worst year that it's been. It comes all the w

This is the end of this round of king tides, but more are e

## King Tides leave parts of South Florida flooded



**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** – King Tides left parts of South Florida flooded Tuesday.

Local 10 News reporter Sanela Sabovic was in the area of Southeast 12th Street and Cordova Road in Fort Lauderdale Tuesday afternoon – an area known to flood.

Drivers were carefully trying to get through, although Cordova Road was blocked to traffic.

City officials said Tuesday's tide is about 16 inches higher than predicted due to recent storms and the fact that easterly winds are piling water up the coastline.

City crews are working to build a sea wall along Cordova Road, which is about 2,500 linear feet and roughly 3 feet high.

The sea wall is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

The city has already installed a sea wall along Las Olas and the Isle of Palms Drive. There were pockets of flooding along Las Olas, but none immediately near the sea wall.

The city has also installed 177 tidal valves to reduce tidal flooding and to remove water off the roadways.

Officials are asking residents to report flooding in their area by calling [954-828-8000](tel:954-828-8000).

According to city officials, King Tides are tides expected to be within 3 inches of the threshold for

The Palm Beach Post

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## NEW: Happy first day of the dry season! But not so fast, king tide flood advisory in effect, and rainy forecast



C.J. Johnson wades from his home on Marine

The Palm Beach Post

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## Experts say climate change is causing record high flooding during king tides

*Sea level rise caused by climate change is causing record water highs during the seasonal king tides.*



Water from the Intracoastal Waterway floods Greenwood Drive at South Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach at high tide Sunday morning, Oct. 18, 2020 after seeping up through the storm drains. The flooding is the result of the yearly King Tides, which began in September. The

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How significant was 2020 compared to the record?



What impacts are we observing in South Florida?



How can we associate these impacts with Climate Change?



Are these recent events part of a long-term trend?

# WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE METRICS

## OBJECTIVES

1

Track and document long term trends and shifts in observed data owned/managed by SFWMD

2

Advance the understanding of the climate change impacts over the District's mission

3

Report and Communicate the water and climate resilience aspects, and the associated science

4

Support the assessment of future conditions, and propose uniform guidelines.

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# Types of Use of Climate Information

Source: Kripa A. Jagannathan



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## Inform



- Input data into hydrology or impact or planning model
- Inform other short-term forecast models



## Communicate

- Seek funding or support for projects
- Communicate reliability in climate projections



## Understand

- Understand conditions that may cause management issues: *Monitor relevant conditions for key events, pre-empt system risk or stress*
- Understand regional atm processes or hydrology
- Understand 'state of science'

## Plan



- Undertake future planning
- Develop resource availability outlooks
- Future conditions maps or climate change reports/plans

## Take Action



- Change operations & management: *reservoir, storage or emergency mgmt*
- Change rules, regulations, standards: *permit allocations or design standards*
- Infrastructure investment or retrofit: *new roads or storage infra, retrofit stormwater infra*
- Conservation or restoration projects



# WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE METRICS

## BENEFITS

Stronger SFWMD planning capacity by documenting and publishing observed trends districtwide, based on best available data analysis and science-based approaches

Better substantiated modeling assumptions and risk informed operational decisions

Smarter infrastructure investment decisions, supported by robust assessment of current and anticipated future climate conditions

More educated and engaged stakeholders and partner agencies in water resilience aspects

Enhanced resilience of District's projects, regarding observed or expected changes in climate

# INTERNAL WORKGROUP DRAFT REPORT



## WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY METRICS

### Phase 1: Long-term observed trends

DRAFT REPORT  
Version 1.0  
December 2020

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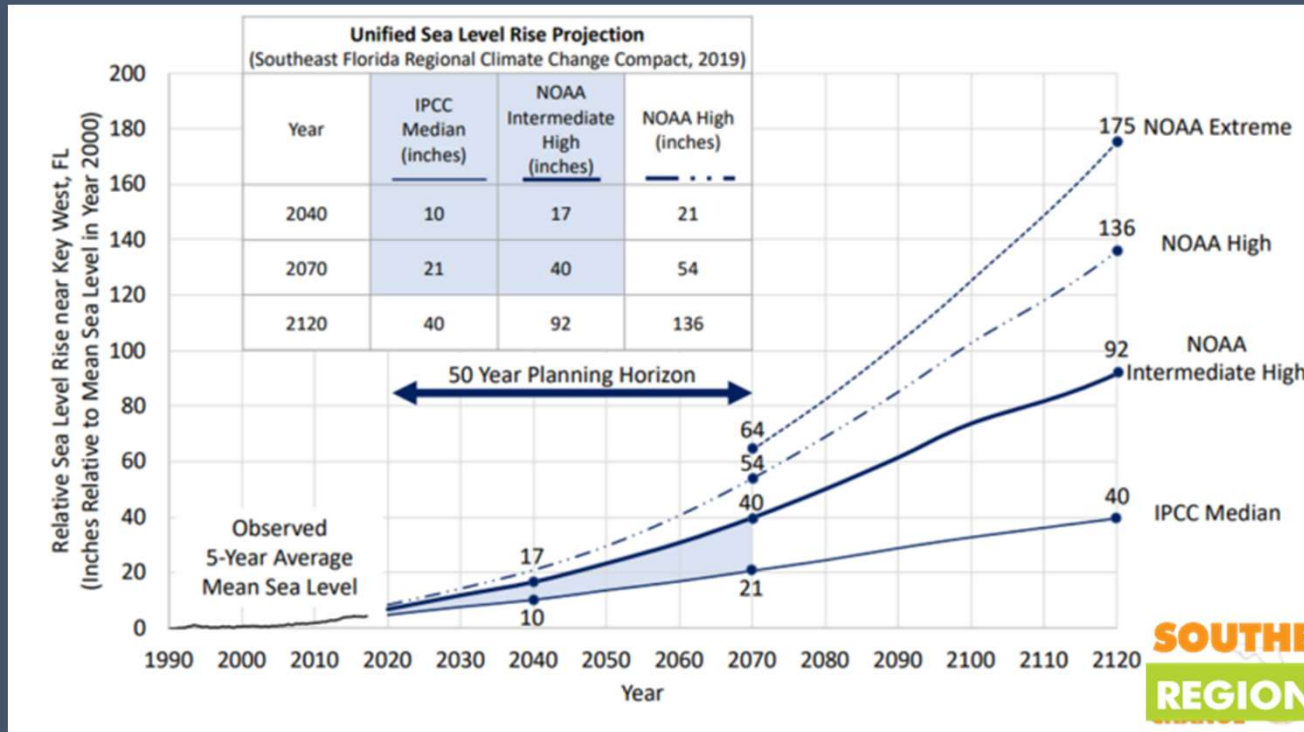
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# Southeast Florida Climate Indicators



UNIFIED SEA LEVEL RISE PROJECTION

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA  
REGIONAL COMPACT  
CLIMATE  
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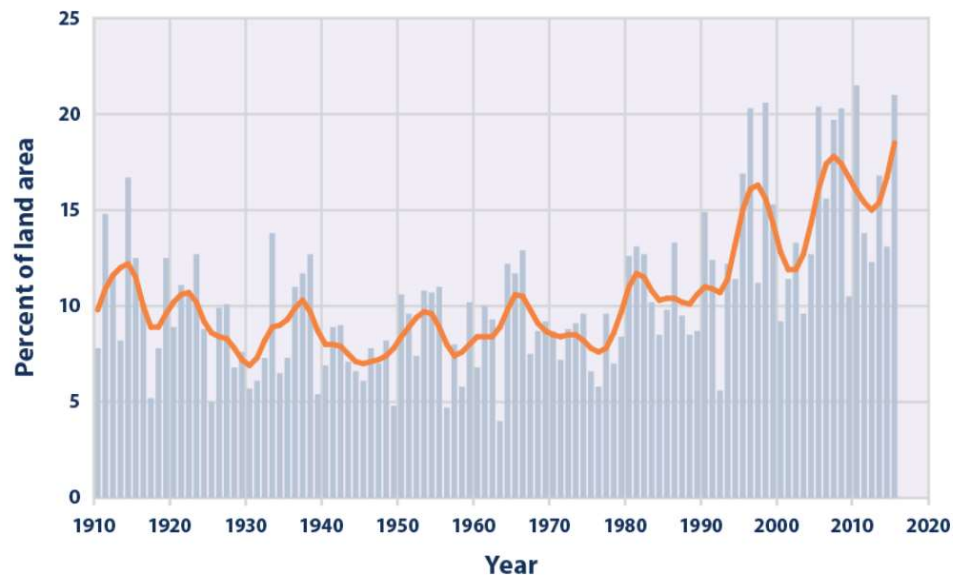
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# Climate Change Indicators



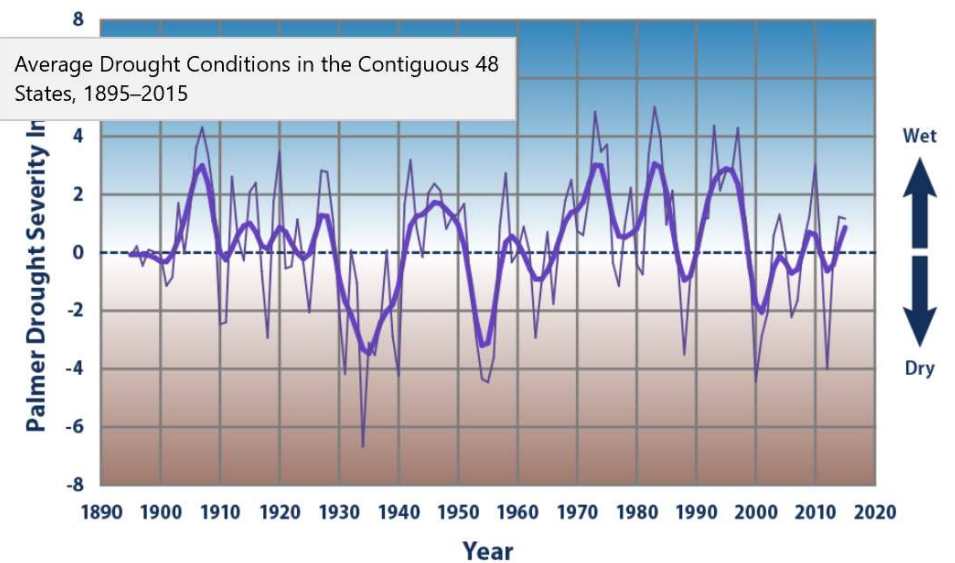
**Figure 1.** Extreme One-Day Precipitation Events in the Contiguous 48 States, 1910–2015



Source: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-heavy-precipitation>

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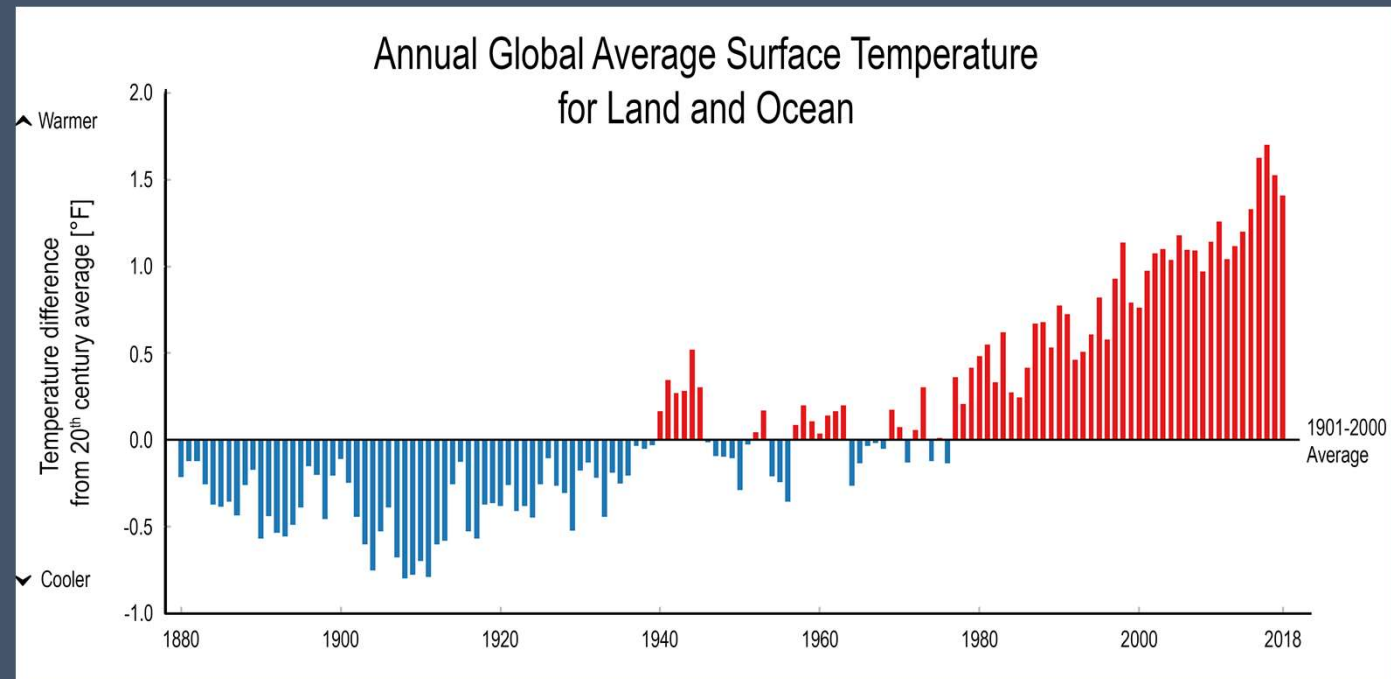
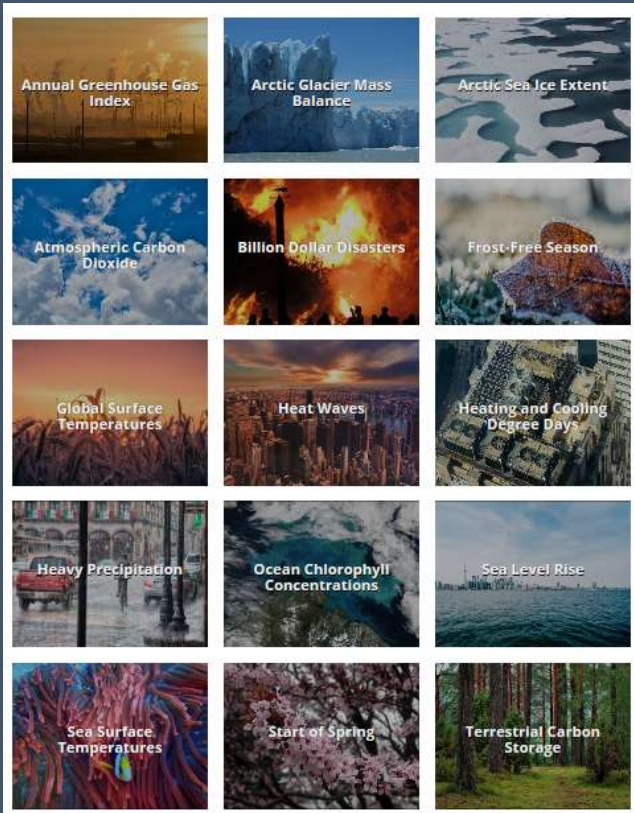
**Figure 1.** Average Drought Conditions in the Contiguous 48 States, 1895–2015



# USGCRP INDICATOR PLATFORM



GlobalChange.gov  
U.S. Global Change Research Program



Source: <https://www.globalchange.gov/>

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# NOAA NCEI CLIMATE DIVISION DATA

## Climate at a Glance

Climate Monitoring  
State of the Climate  
Temp, Precip, and Drought  
Climate at a Glance  
Extremes  
Societal Impacts  
Snow and Ice  
Teleconnections  
Monitoring References

Global National Regional Statewide Divisional **County** City

Mapping Time Series Rankings Haywood Plots Data Information Background

### County Time Series

Choose from the options below and click "Plot" to create a time series graph.  
*Please note, Degree Days and Palmer Indices are not available for Counties.*

Parameter: Minimum Temperature  
Time Scale: 3-Month  
Month: August  
Start Year: 1895  
End Year: 2020  
State: Florida  
County: Miami-Dade County

Plot

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Start: 1901 End: 2000

☐ Display Trend

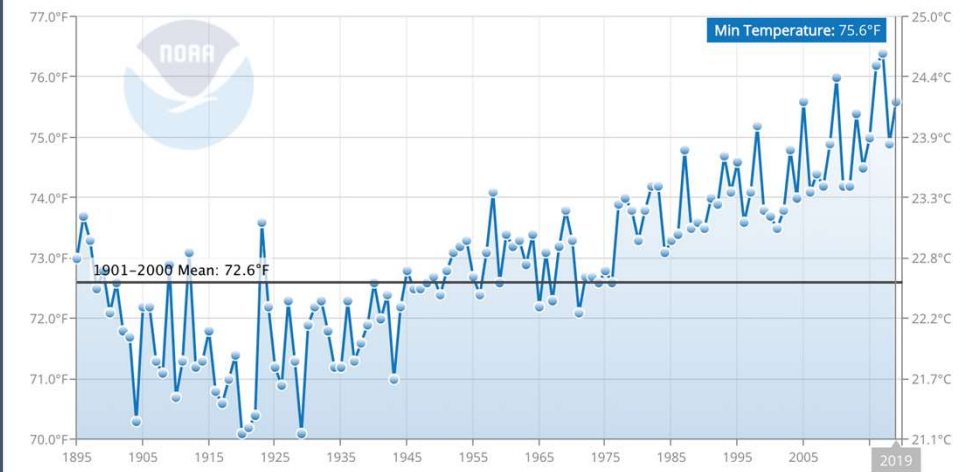
☐ per Decade ☐ per Century

Start: 1895 End: 2020

☐ Smoothed Time Series

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### Miami-Dade County, Florida Minimum Temperature June-August



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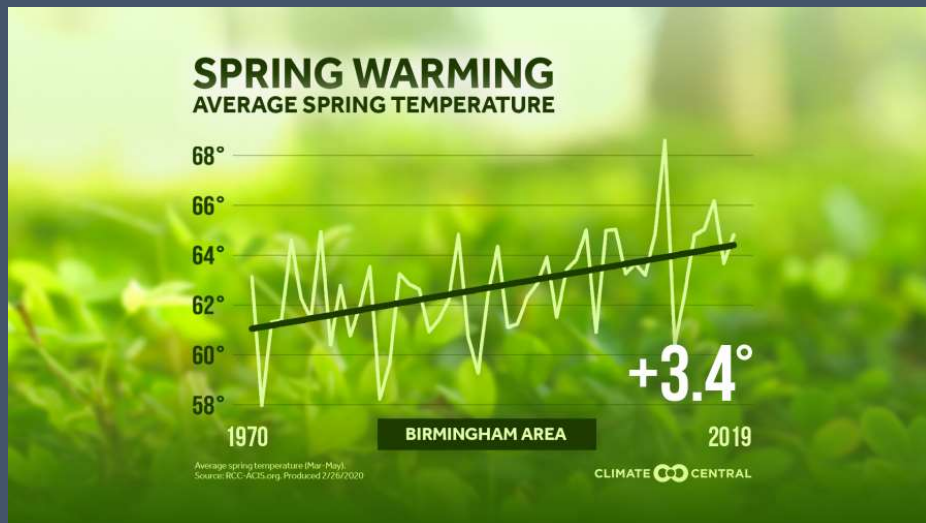
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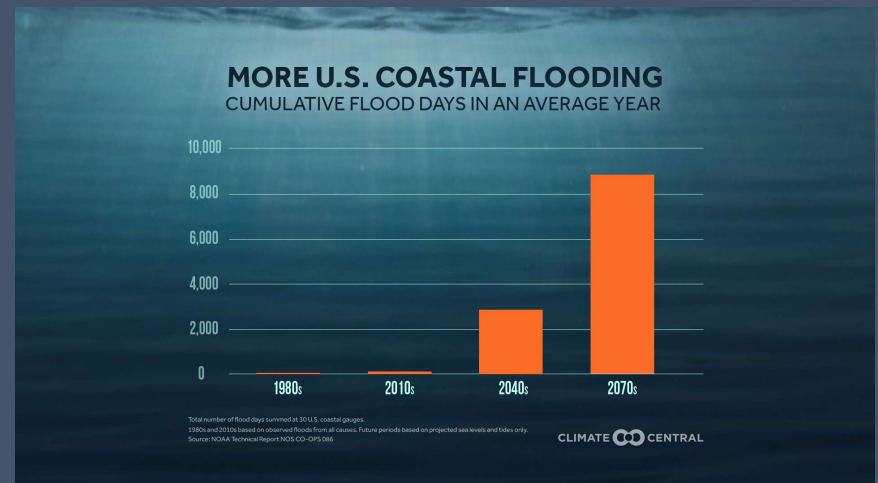
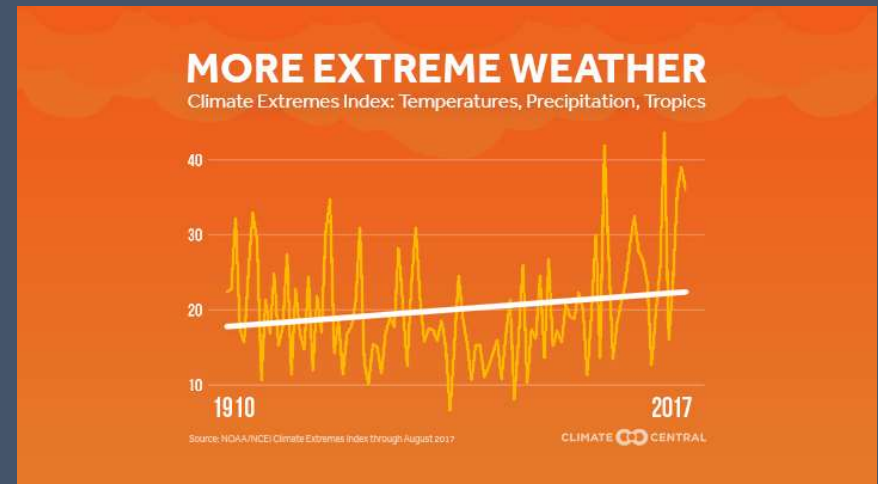
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# CLIMATE CENTRAL



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Source: <https://www.climatecentral.org/>

Category	Potential Metrics
Sea Level	Tailwater/ Headwater Elevations at Coastal Structures
	Tidal Stages
	High Tide Events (Extreme)
	Overtop of control structures (Extreme)
	Soil Subsidence (elevation and accretion rates)
	Coastal subsidence
Groundwater levels	Storm Surge
	Water stages
	Soil moisture
Rainfall	Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs Exceedance / Violations)
	Wet and Dry Extreme events
	IDF curves
Flooding	Rainfall Average, Seasonality
	Rainfall / Nuisance Flooding Events
Drought	Agricultural area flooding
	Water Restrictions / Shortages
	Natural Wildfires
Saltwater Intrusion	Water Budgets / Wet and Dry Seasons
	Chloride levels
	Conductivity
	Lateral saltwater intrusion into coastal public supply wellfields
Temperature	Everglades Marshes - Salt water intrusion
	Water temperatures
	Algae (microalgae, phytoplankton)
	Evapotranspiration
	Solar Radiation, Winds
Stormwater	Air temperatures
	Canal flows
	STA efficiency / Biological/ecological functions
	Lake and Wetlands Stages
Water Quality	Storage capacity
	Dissolved Oxygen
	TMDL
	Algae (microalgae, phytoplankton)
	Salinity (see above, under Saltwater Intrusion)
	Relict seawater
	pH
Ecology / Habitat	Specific Conductance
	Nutrient (Total Phosphorus)
	Regional Floridan Groundwater Monitoring Network
	Seagrass abundance/ distribution/ species
	Oyster distribution/ density
	Peat Collapse
	Nutrients and Salinity at Everglades
	Estuarine inland migration
	Alligator sex ratios
	Mangrove forests inland intrusion

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Set of Priority Water and Climate Resiliency Metrics	
Sea Level	Tailwater Elevations at Coastal Structures
	High Tide Events (Extreme Tidal Stages)
	Chloride Levels (saltwater interface)
Groundwater Level	Groundwater Stages
	Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels
Hydrology	Flooding Events
	Rainfall
	Evapotranspiration
Water Quality	Water Temperature
	Dissolved Oxygen
	pH
	Specific conductance
Ecology / Habitat	Estuarine Inland Migration - Everglades
	Soil Subsidence
	Salinity at Everglades

# Tibebe Dessalegne – Tidal Elevations



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# Sea Level Metric: Coastal sites and NOAA Tidal Stations

## ➤ Coastal structures

- Outer boundary of the Water Management system
- Critical for flood control and prevention of saltwater intrusion
- Gravity driven
- Require positive hydraulic gradient
- Reduced discharging capacity at high tide level

## ➤ Sea level metric

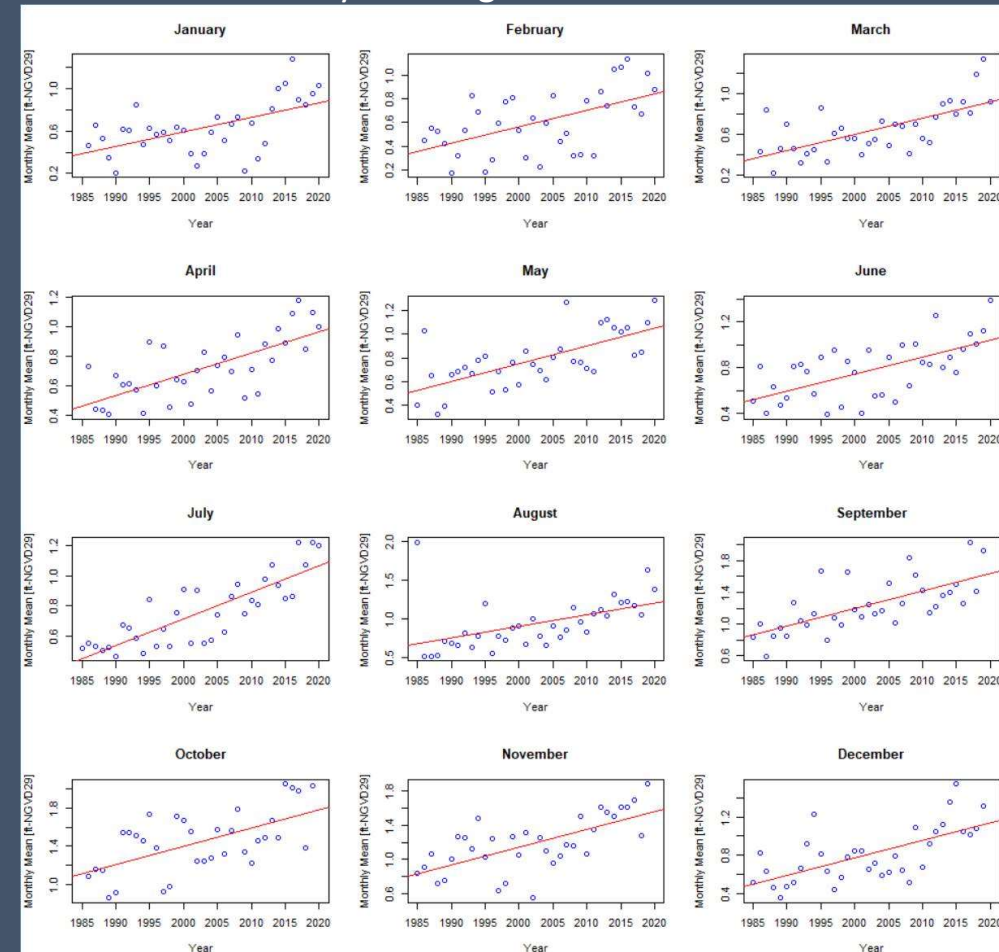
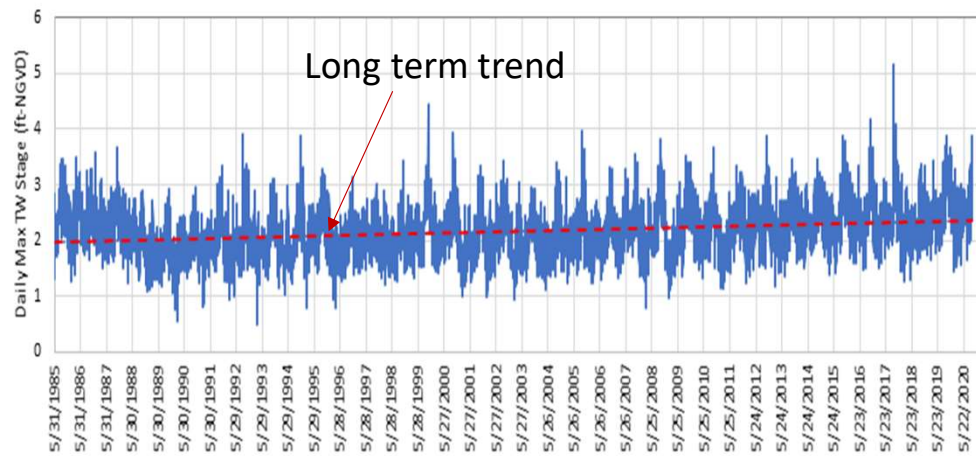
- Statistical analysis on water level timeseries data
  - Trend analysis on instantaneous water level data at different time scales (daily, monthly, annual)
- Assists in identifying the most vulnerable structures and planning mitigation measures such as forward pumps



# Tailwater and Headwater Elevations at Coastal Structures

S22 – Mean Monthly TW Stages

S27 Daily Maximum TW Stages: 5/1985 - 9/2020

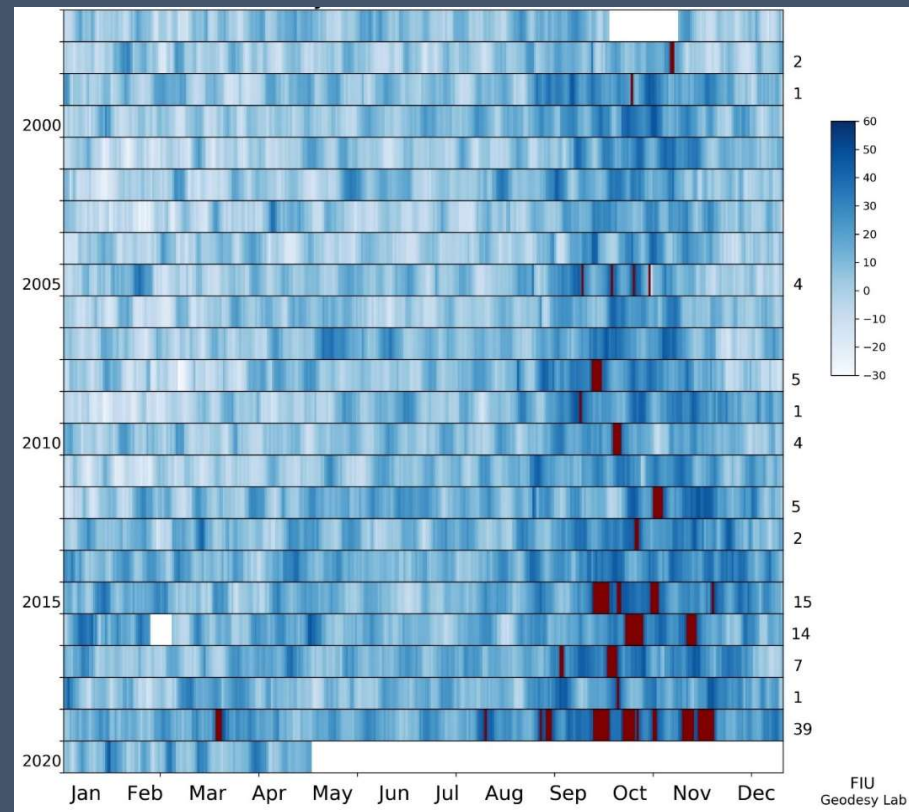


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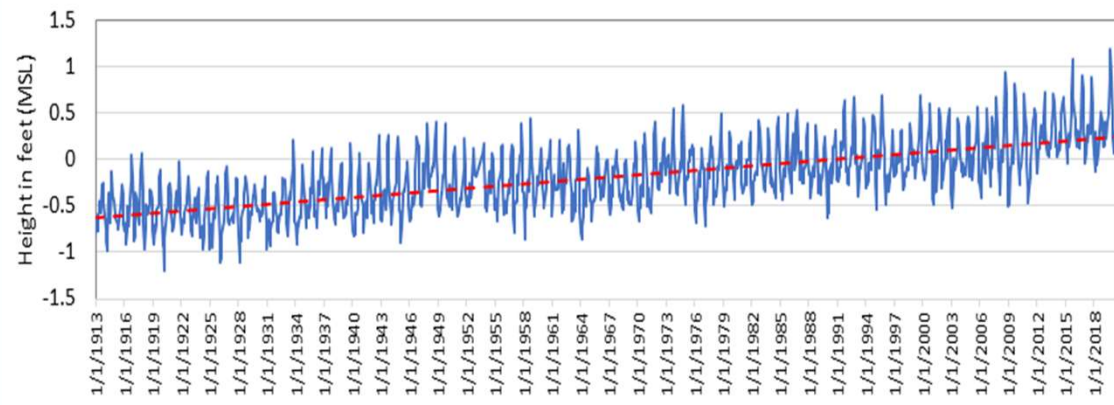


# Tidal Stages and High Tide Events (Extremes)

Virginia Key Station – Daily Maximum (cm NAVD88)



Monthly Means at NOAA Key West Station 8724580



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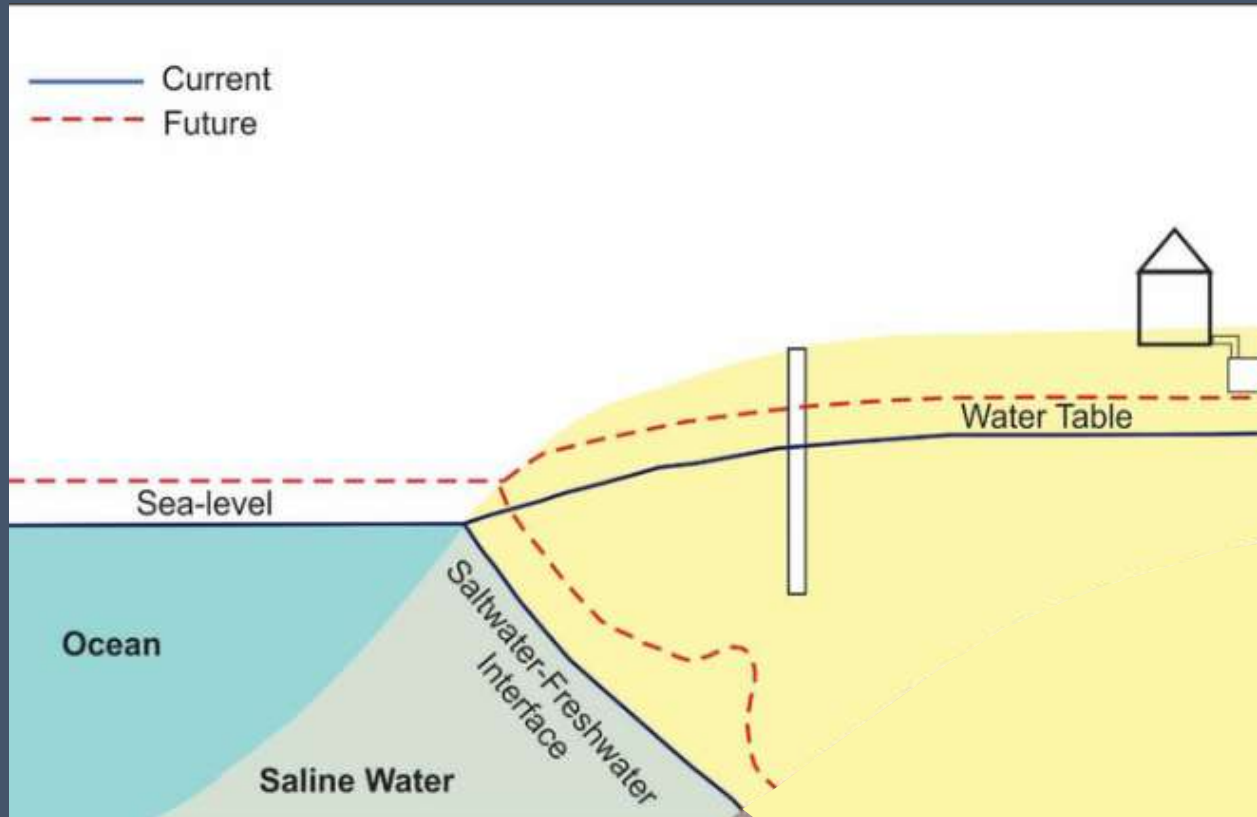


# Karin Smith – Groundwater Stages and Saltwater Intrusion



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# Groundwater Stages and Saltwater Intrusion

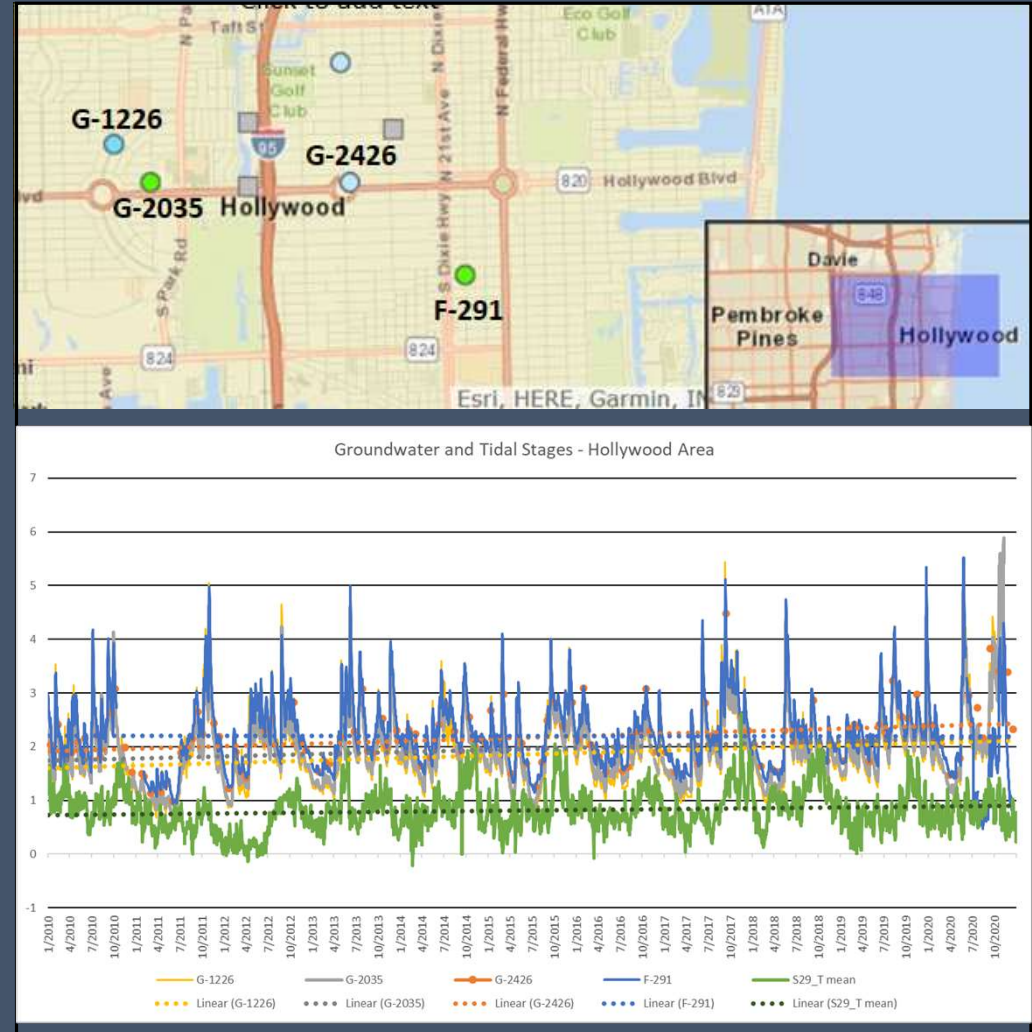
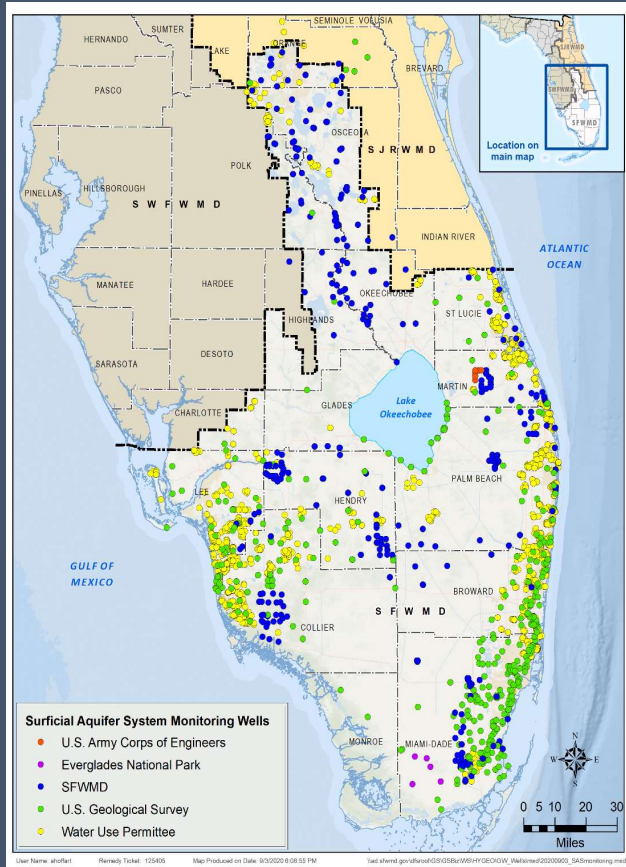


Higher sea level moves heavier saltwater further inland and pushes freshwater above it up.

## Impacts

- Saline water further inland, reduced freshwater gradient
- Inland flooding from higher groundwater, reduced storm water storage capacity

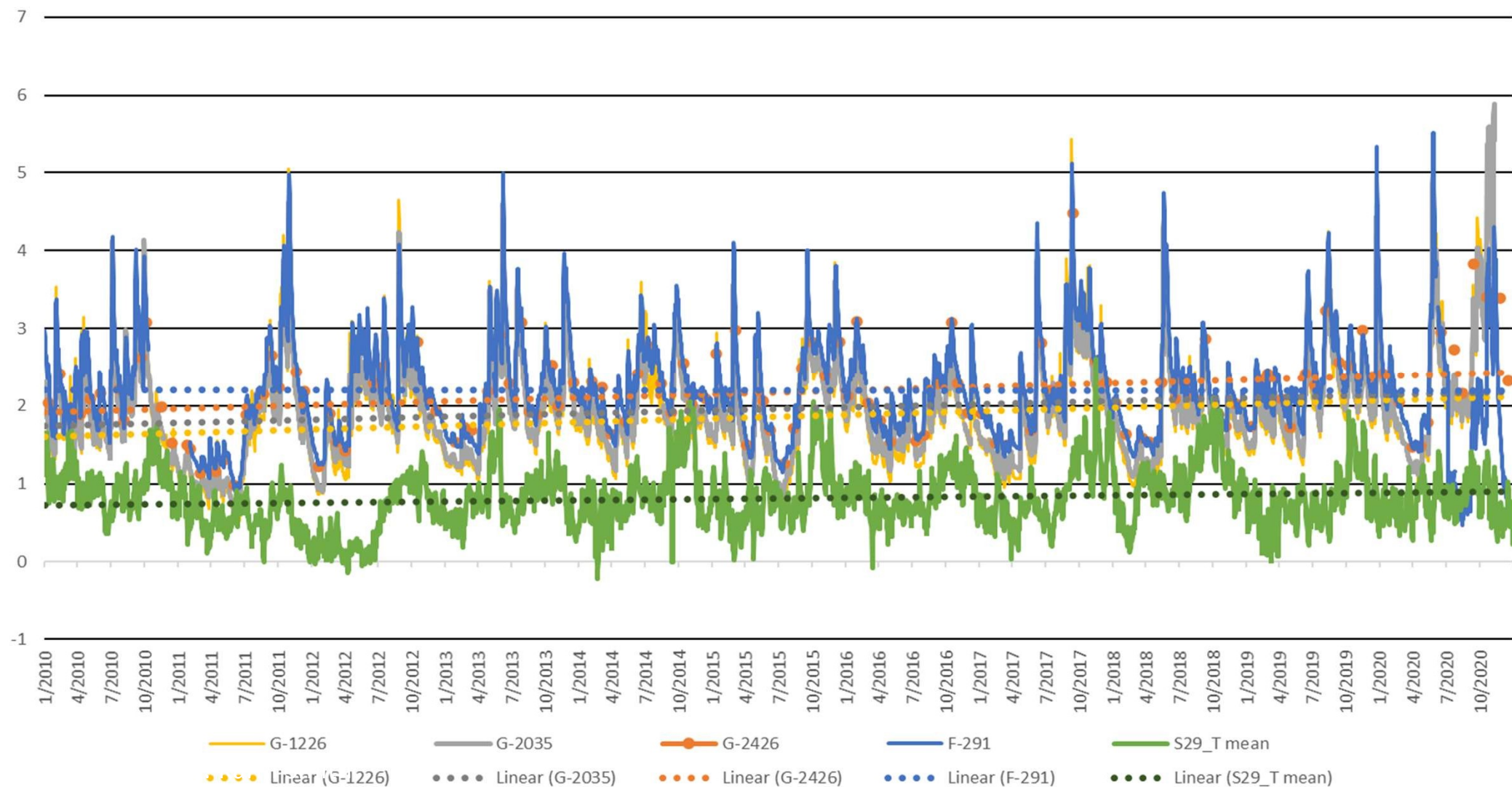
# Groundwater Stages



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## Groundwater and Tidal Stages - Hollywood Area





# Saltwater Intrusion

BACKWARD LOOKING: Utility Wellfield	# of wells abandoned
Deerfield Beach PWS	2
Dania Beach PWS	1
Broward County 3A/3B Wellfields	9
Broward County 2a Wellfield	3
Hollywood – North & Plant wellfields	10
Lake Worth Utilities – East Wells	7
Manalapan PWS	3

FORWARD LOOKING	Utilities Identified in Most Recent Water Supply Plan		
Water Supply Planning Region	Total Utilities	Utilities at Risk	Utilities of Concern
Lower East Coast	52	6	8
Lower West Coast	22	0	4
Upper East Coast	17	1	3

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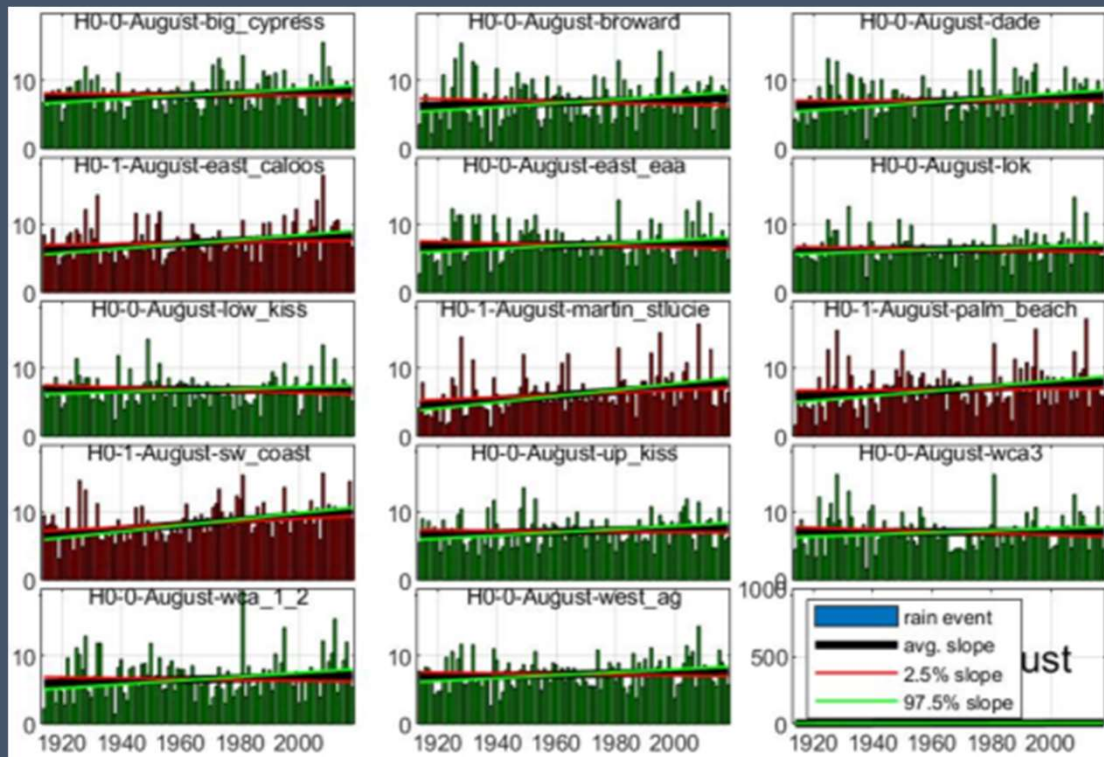


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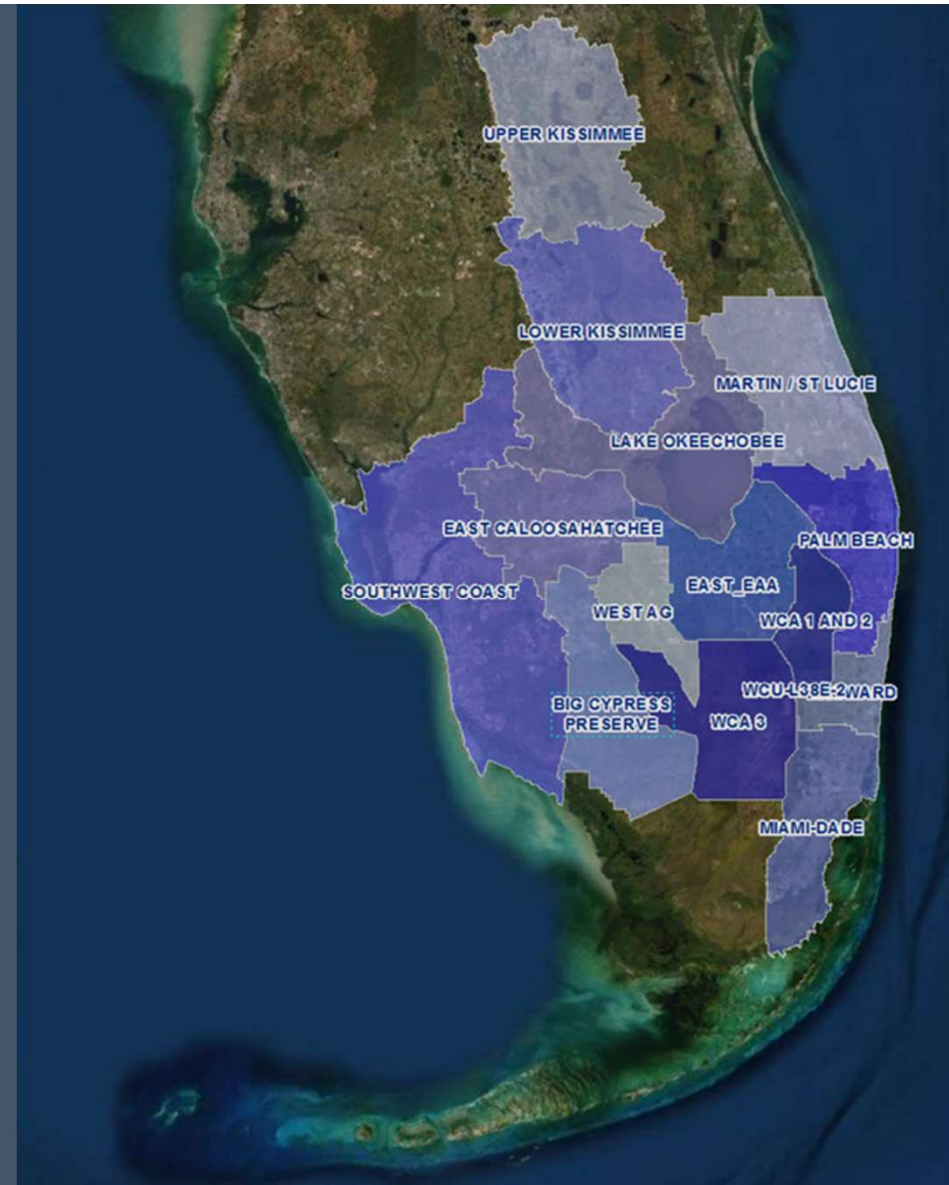
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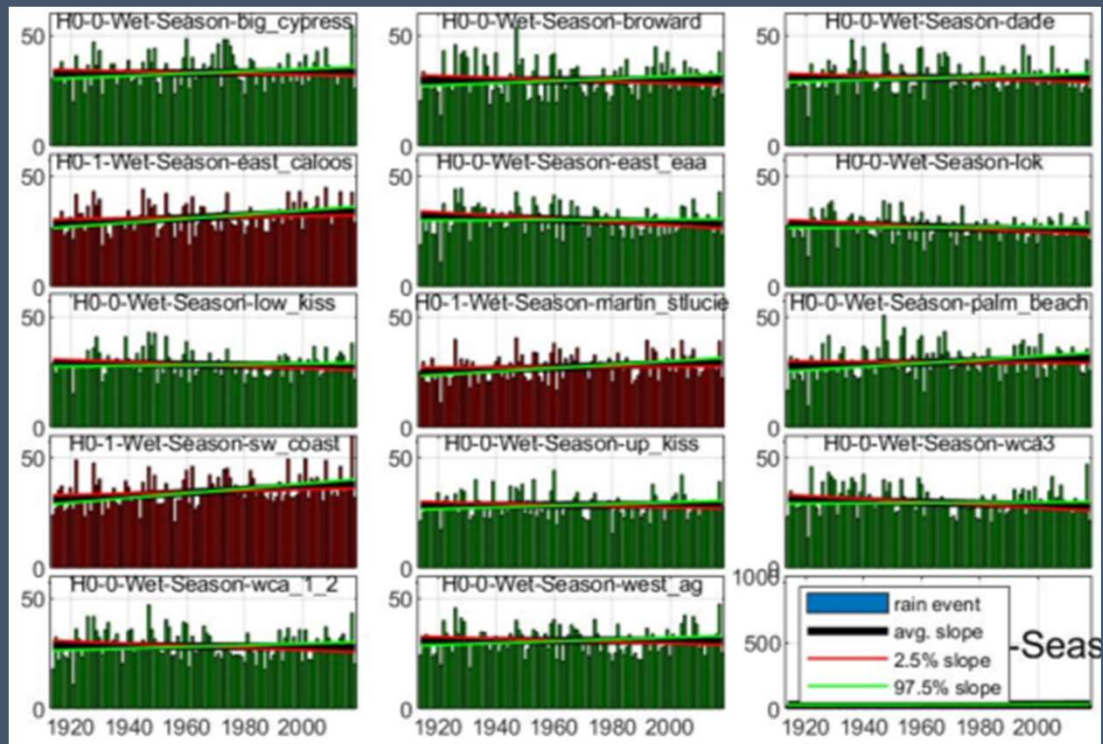


Monthly Rainfall Trend Analysis Results, illustrated by the month of August

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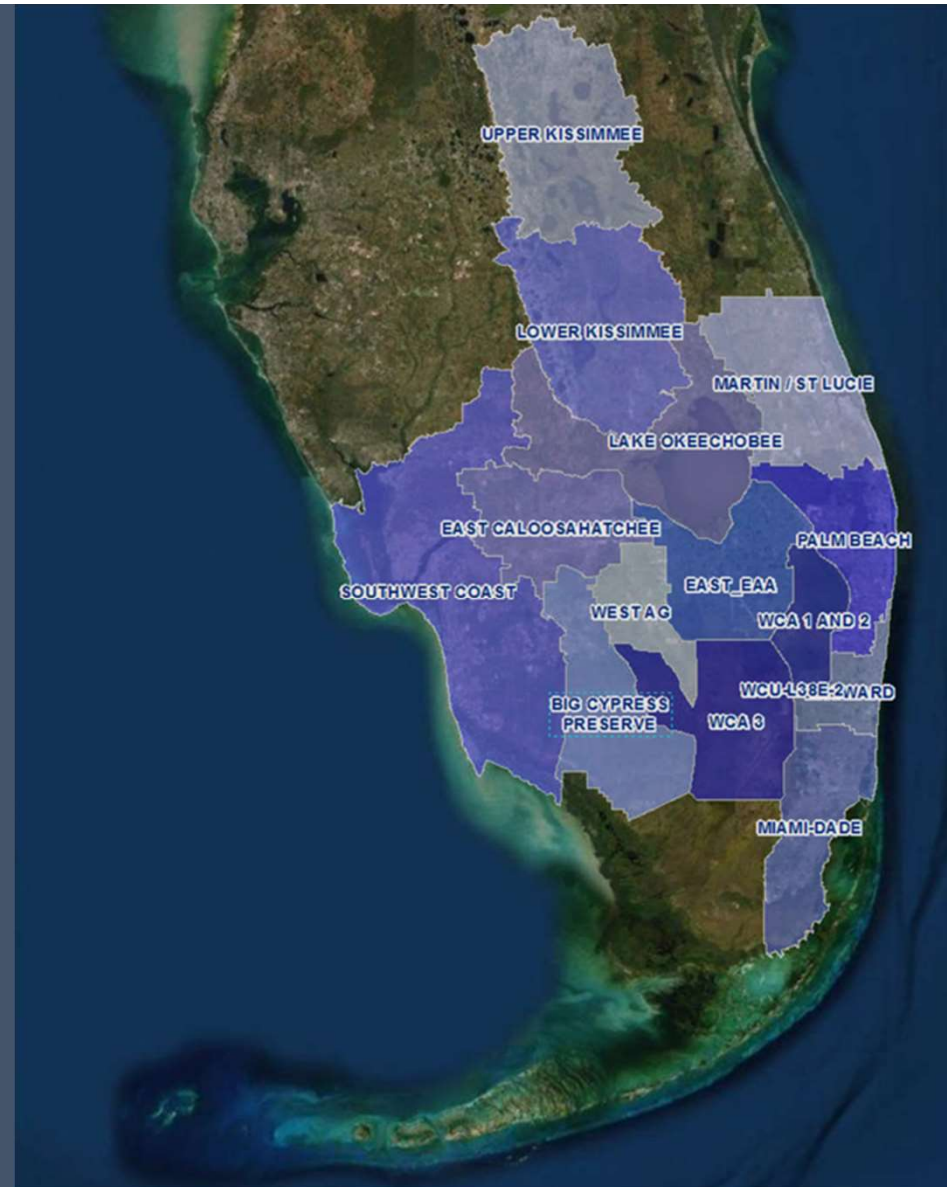


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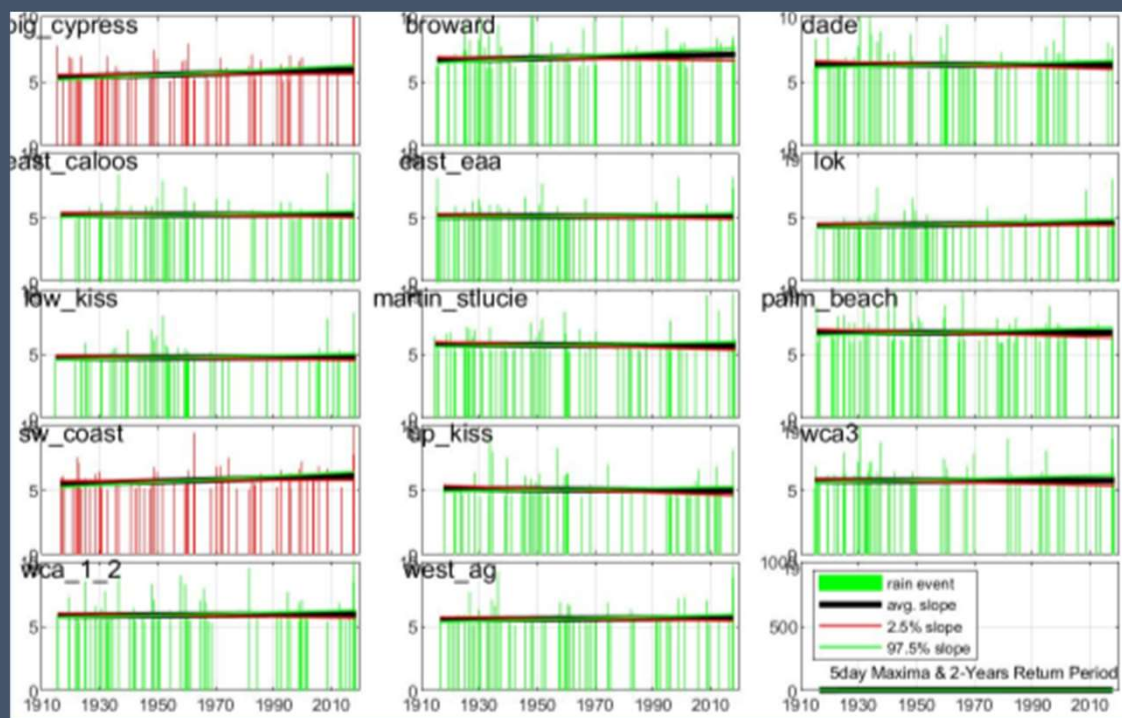
Wet Season Rainfall Trend Analysis Results

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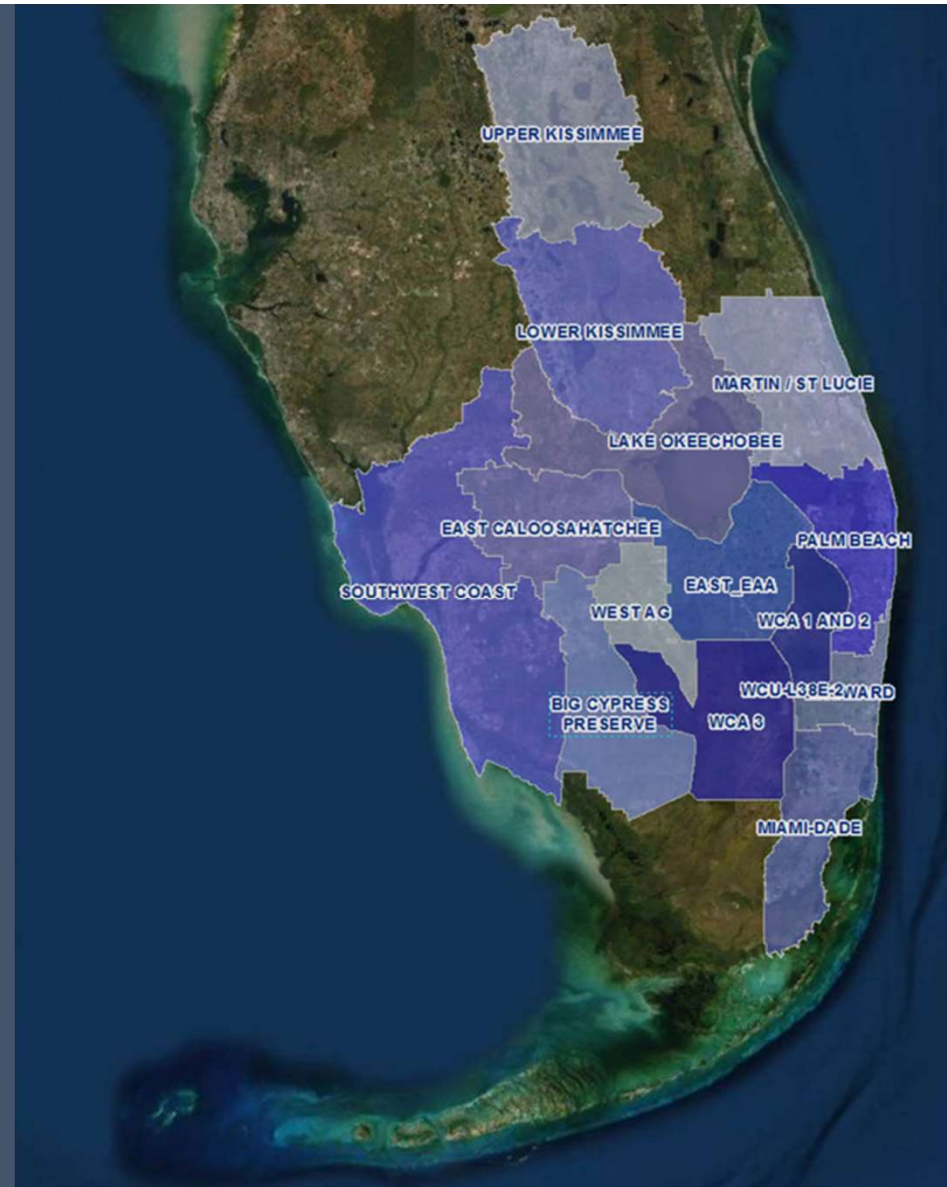


# Rainfall



5-day Annual Maxima Rainfall Trend Analysis Results, illustrated by the 2-year return

Presenter: Alaa Ali





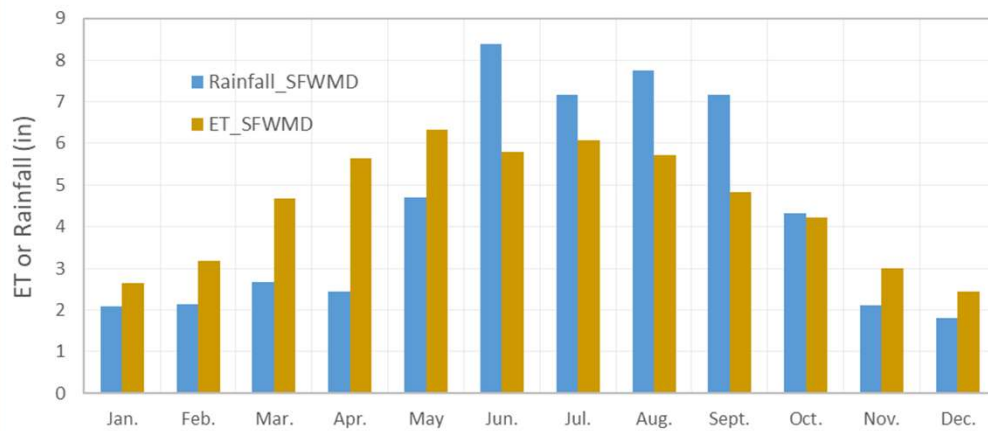
# Kevin Zhu - Evapotranspiration



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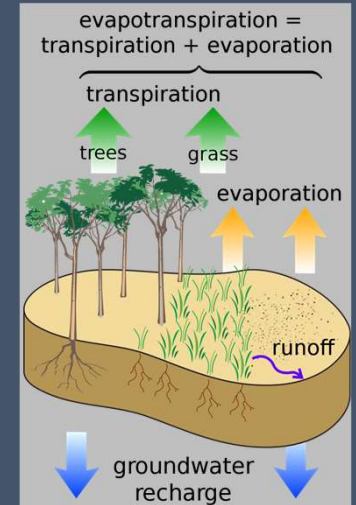
# Evapotranspiration (ET)

Average Monthly ET/Rainfall At SFWMD



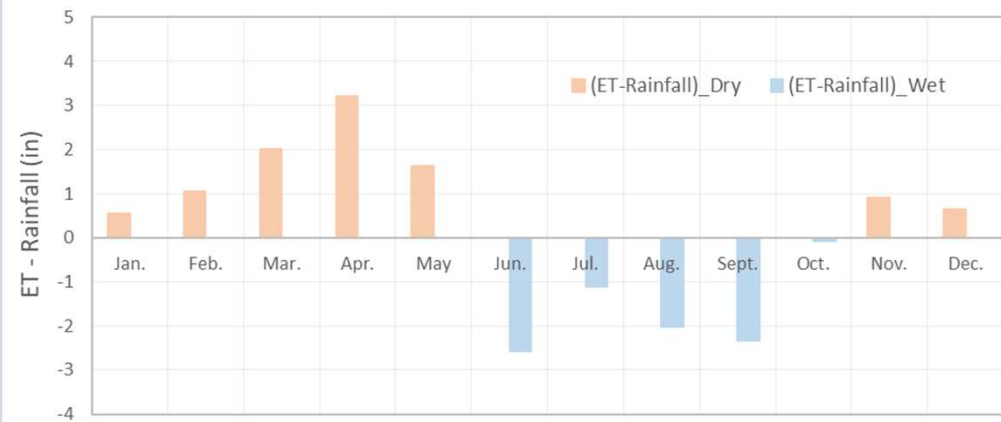
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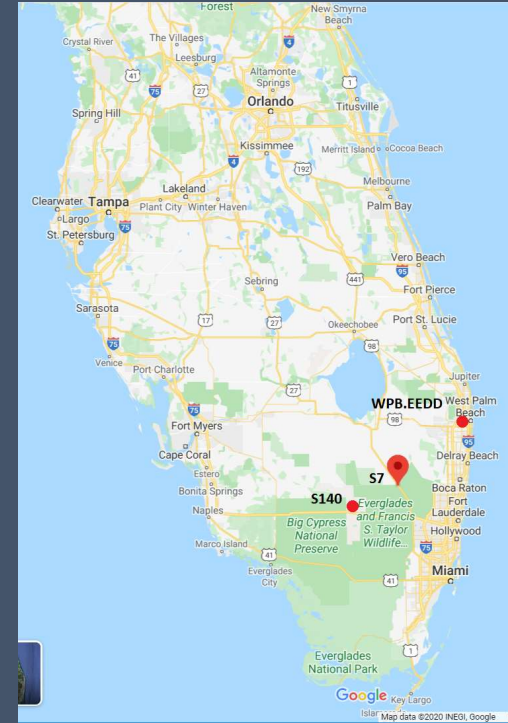
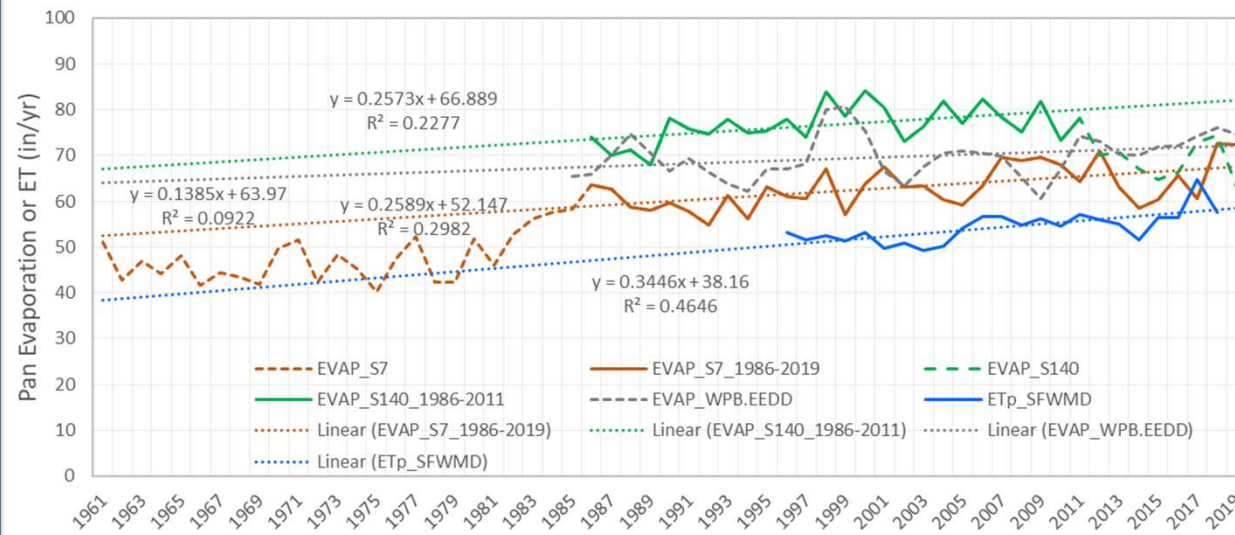
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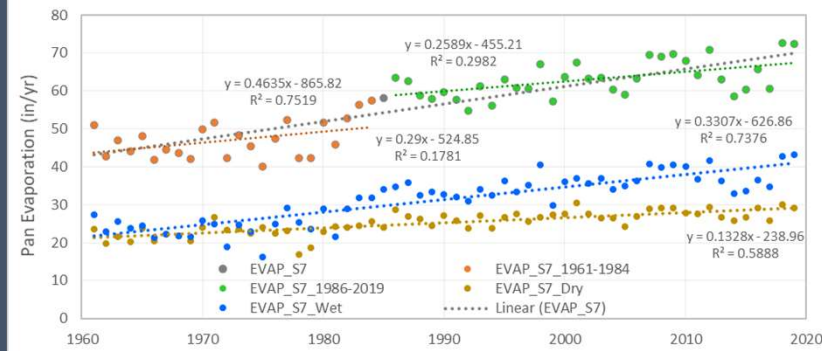


# Evapotranspiration (ET)

Trend Of Annual EVAP & ET At SFWMD (1961-2019)



Trend Of Annual & Seasonal EVAP At S7 (1961-2019)



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MK-stat 197	MK-stat 101	MK-stat 168	MK-stat 121
s.e. 67.4562	s.e. 45.3689	s.e. 70.4083	s.e. 37.8638
z-stat 2.9056	z-stat 2.2042	z-stat 2.3719	z-stat 3.1693
p-value 0.0037	p-value 0.0275	p-value 0.0177	p-value 0.0015
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S7\_1961-2019

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# Nenad Iricanin – Water Quality

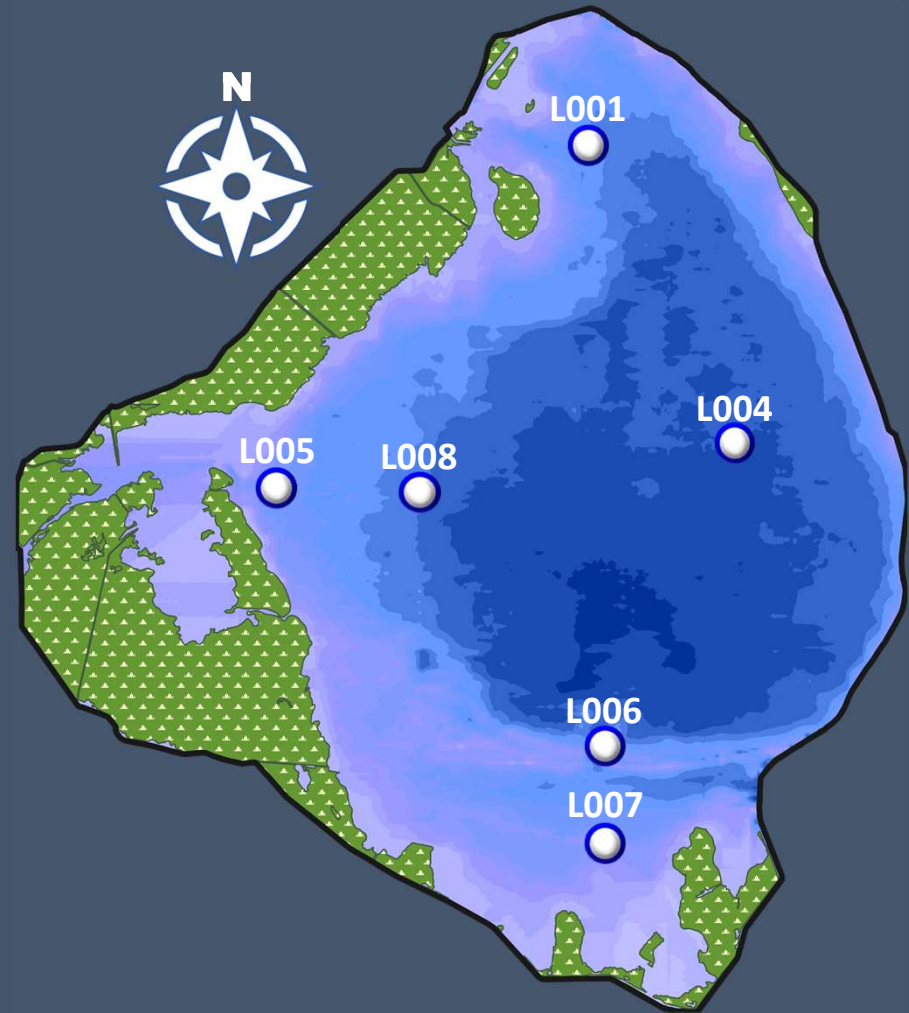


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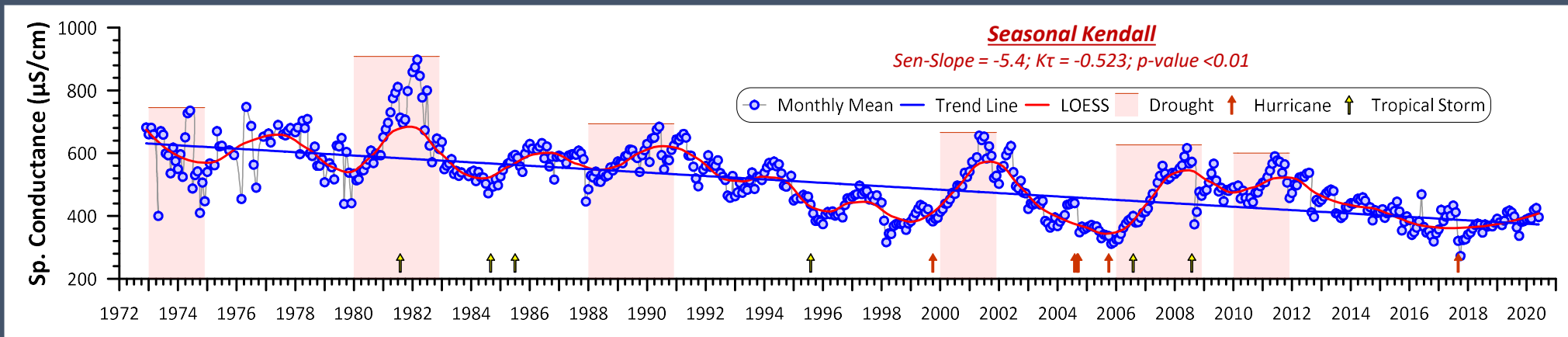


# Water Quality

- **Initial analysis of water quality**
  - Focus on specific conductance
- **Water quality data retrieved from DBHYDRO for six in-lake stations**
  - L001, L004, L005, L006, L007, and L008 - longest data records
- **Period of record retrieved:**
  - November 1972 – June 2020
- **Analyses performed for specific conductance**
  - Seasonal Kendall trend analysis
  - Identifying climatic events (Droughts, Tropical Storms)
  - Interpretation of observed trend



# Specific Conductance – Trend Analysis



- Seasonal variations in specific conductance are caused by evaporation (increase in specific conductance during droughts and dry season months) and precipitation (decrease in specific conductance during tropical events and wet season months)
- Over 48-year period, specific conductance decreased significantly by 40% (~660  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  in 1973 to ~400  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  in 2020)
- Typical specific conductance for Florida lakes is 385  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (Hand 2004)

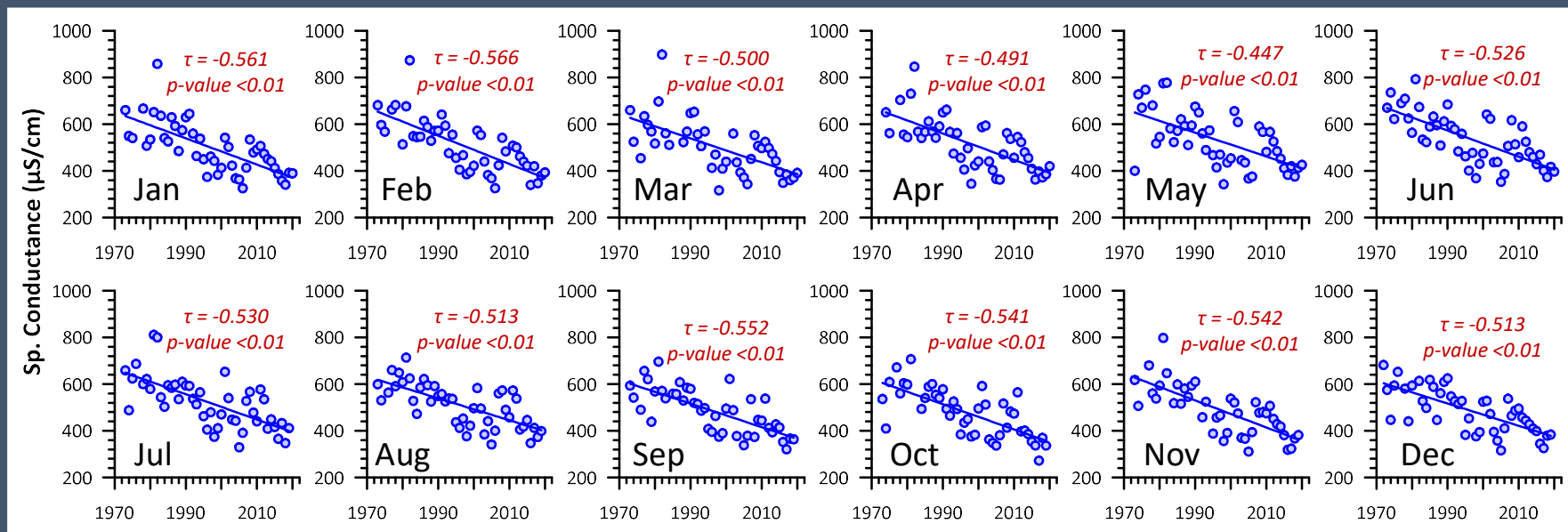
Hand, J (2004). Typical Water Quality Values for Florida's Lakes, Streams, and Estuaries. Watershed Assessment Section, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Tallahassee, Florida.

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Statistical Significance at p-value < 0.05

# Specific Conductance – Trend Analysis

Significant decreases in specific conductance were observed for all months over the period of record (1972 – 2020)



What are the causes for the observed decreasing trend in specific conductance?

# Specific Conductance – Major Ions

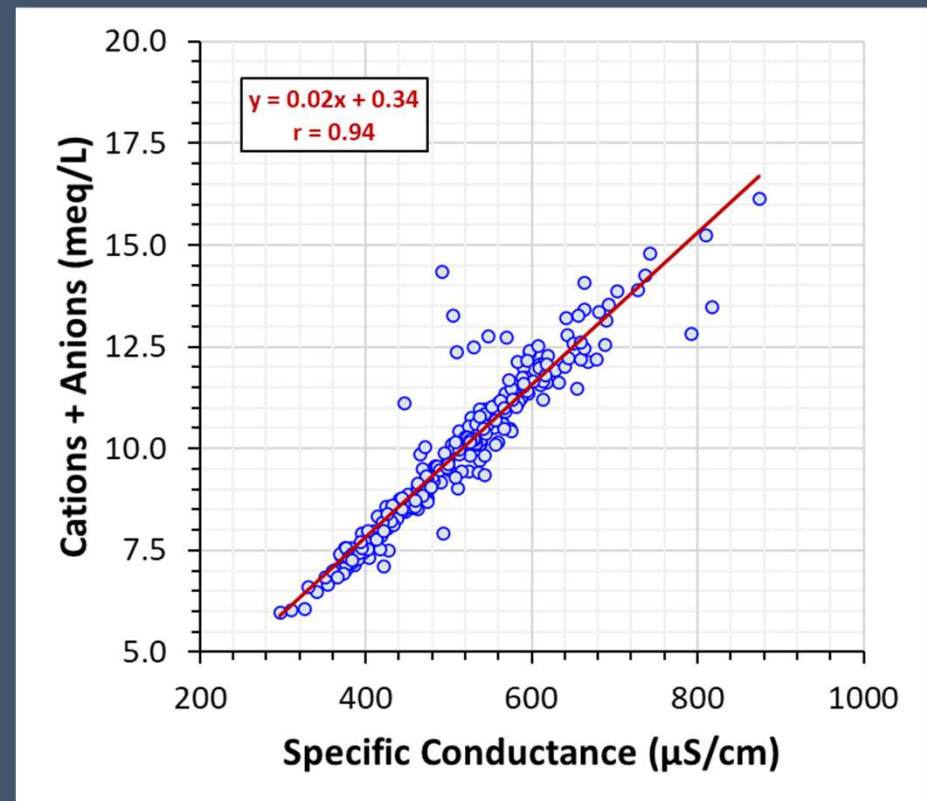
Specific conductance measures the ability of water to carry an electrical current, varying by types and amounts of ions present in solution. Therefore, it is highly correlated with the ionic content of the solution being measured.

## Major Ions Affecting Specific Conductance

- Cations (positive charge):  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$
- Anions (negative charge):  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$

A fundamental law of nature is that all aqueous solutions must be electrically neutral (or balanced):

$$\sum \text{Cations} = \sum \text{Anions}$$



Plot shows the strong correlations of specific conductance and cations and anions in Lake Okeechobee during the period of record.

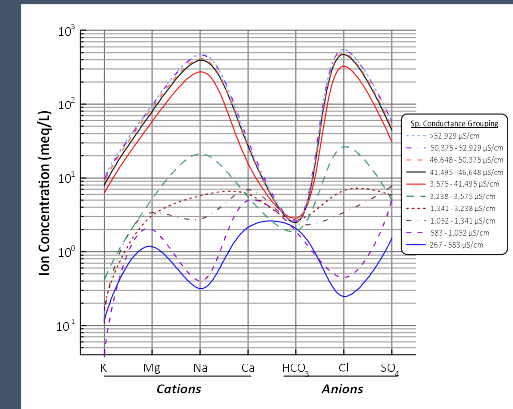
Ion concentrations converted to meq/L to account for ionic charge



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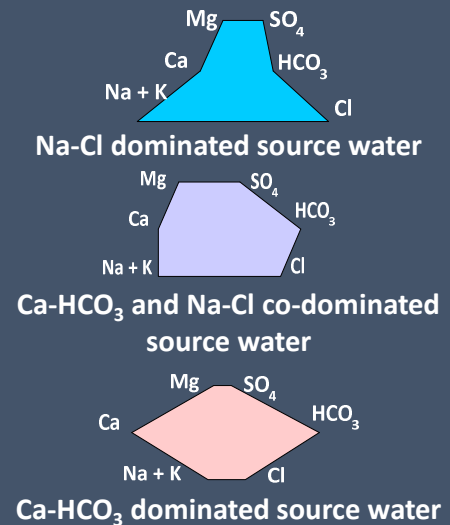
## Schoeller Plots

- Semi-logarithmic plots to represent major ion concentrations and demonstrate different hydro-chemical water types
- Plot also shows the changes in ionic composition by identifying dominant ion pairs



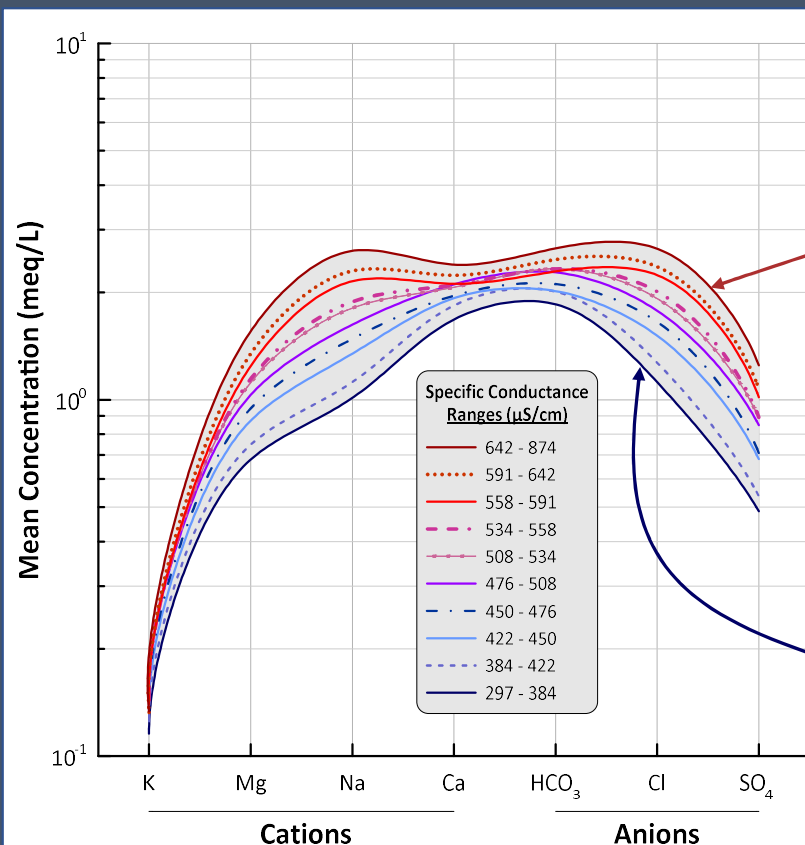
## Stiff Diagrams

- Resulting polygon shape extends from either side of the zero axis with cations represented on the left side and anions represented on the right side. All ions are plotted in units of meq/L.
- Stiff patterns are a useful method for making rapid visual comparisons between waters from different sources.

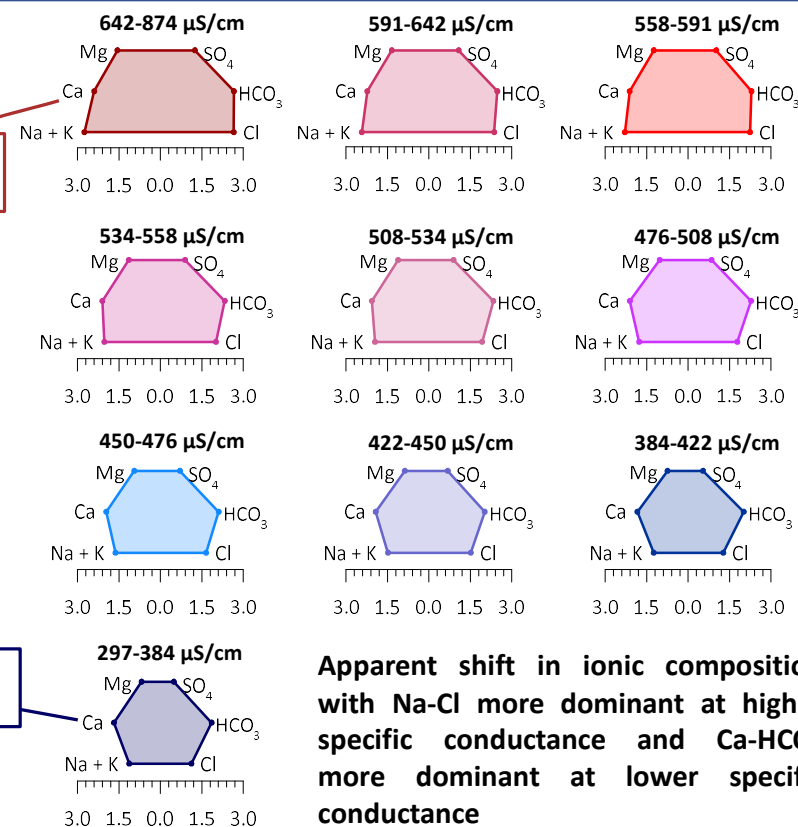


# Changes in Lake Okeechobee Ionic Composition

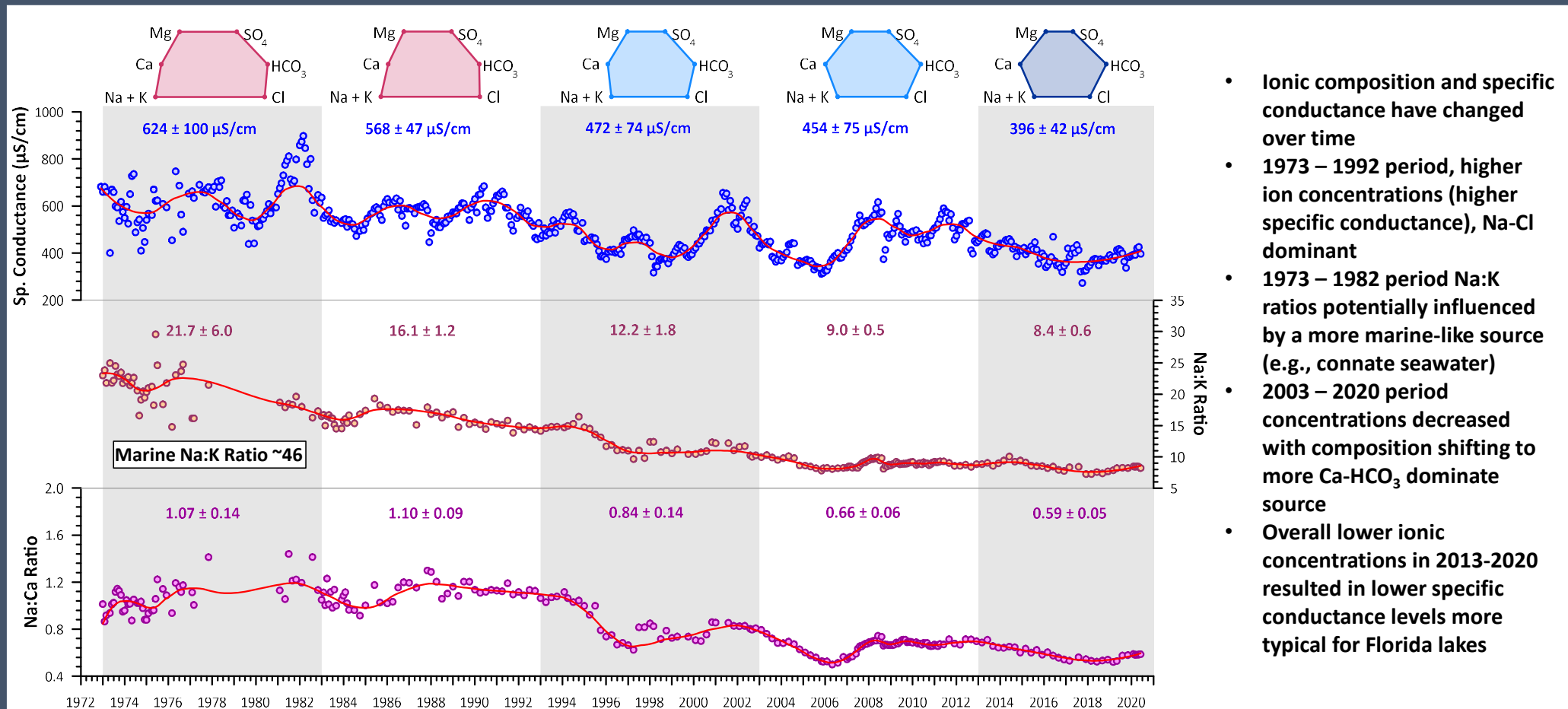
Schoeller Plot



Stiff Diagrams



# Changes in Lake Okeechobee Ionic Composition



- Ionic composition and specific conductance have changed over time
- 1973 – 1992 period, higher ion concentrations (higher specific conductance), Na-Cl dominant
- 1973 – 1982 period Na:K ratios potentially influenced by a more marine-like source (e.g., connate seawater)
- 2003 – 2020 period concentrations decreased with composition shifting to more Ca-HCO<sub>3</sub> dominate source
- Overall lower ionic concentrations in 2013-2020 resulted in lower specific conductance levels more typical for Florida lakes

# Specific Conductance Trend Analysis Summary

- A significant decreasing trend was observed for specific conductance in Lake Okeechobee over a 48-year period (1972 – 2020)
- Further evaluation of the additional data identified that the lake's ionic composition appears to have changed from Na-Cl dominated in 1970s to a more Ca-HCO<sub>3</sub> dominated composition in more recent periods
- This change in composition coincides with observed decrease in specific conductance
- Additionally, ion ratios (Na:K) suggest that the elevated specific conductance observed in 1970s may have been affected by a more marine-like source, possibly upwelling of connate groundwater
- While air and water temperatures, as well as precipitation, have predictable effects on water quality, attributing changes in water quality to climate change is more complicated due to multiple cascading factors, such as changes in land use, hydro-management, and other anthropogenic activities, that exert great influence on water quality

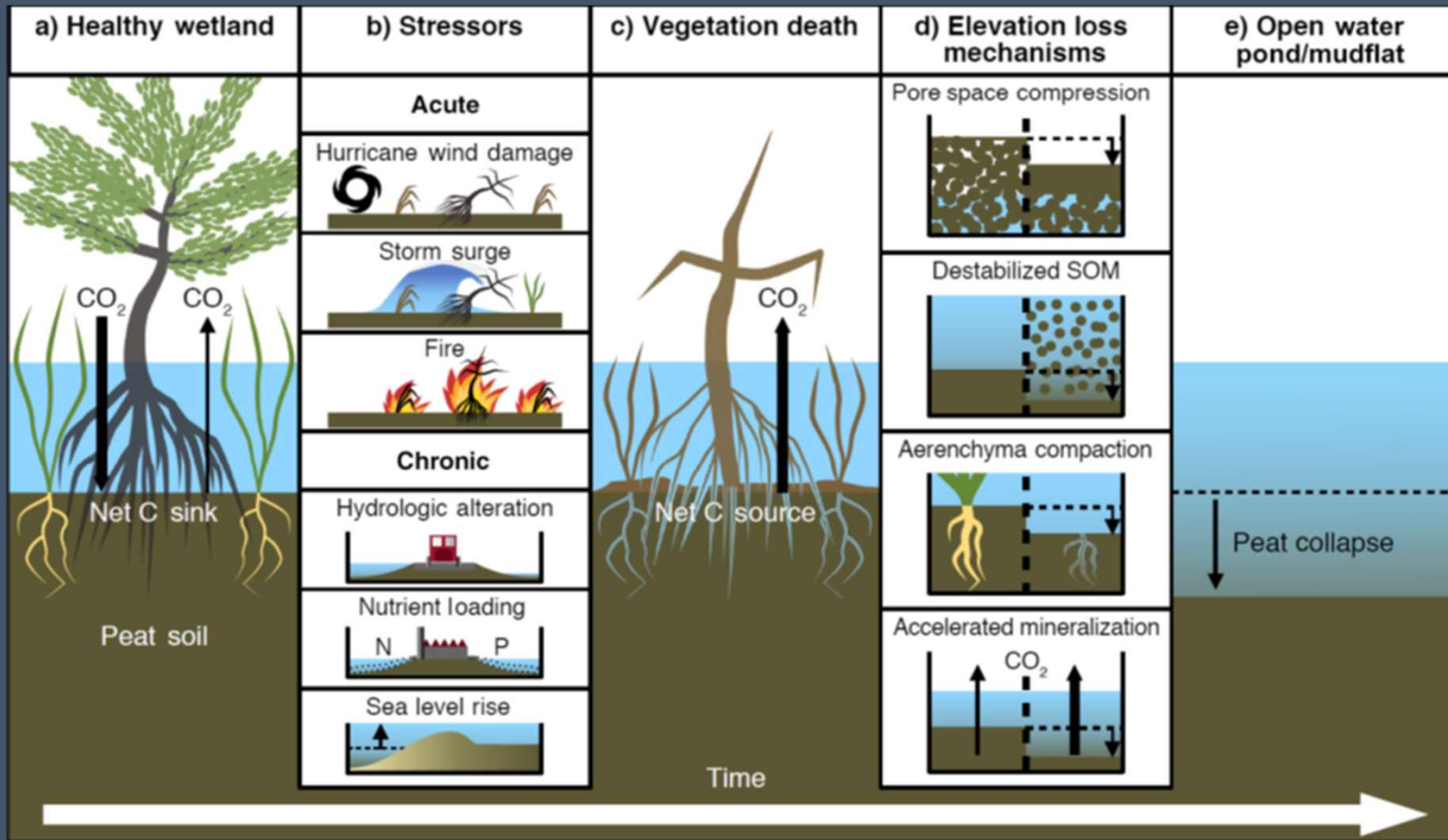


# Carlos Coronado – Soil Subsidence



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## Soil elevation and Soil Subsidence: Metrics to Assess Sea Level Rise



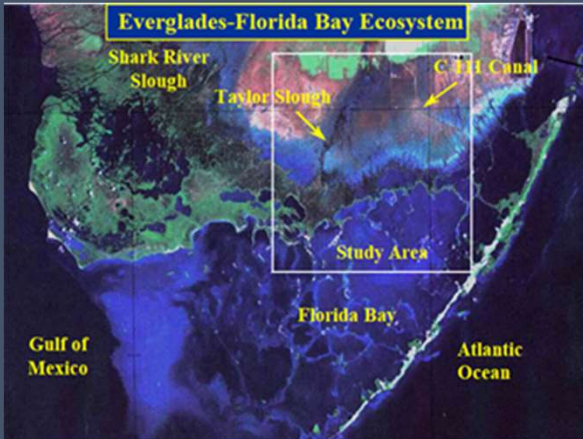
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Conceptual framework detailing the potential pathways that a healthy wetland (panel a) that is exposed to various acute or chronic environmental stressors (panel b) can result in vegetation death (panel c), leading to four potential (non-exclusive) mechanisms of soil surface elevation loss (panel d) and ultimately conversion to an open water pond or mudflat (panel e). Figure by Chambers et al. 2019



## Monitoring Sites Northeastern Florida Bay

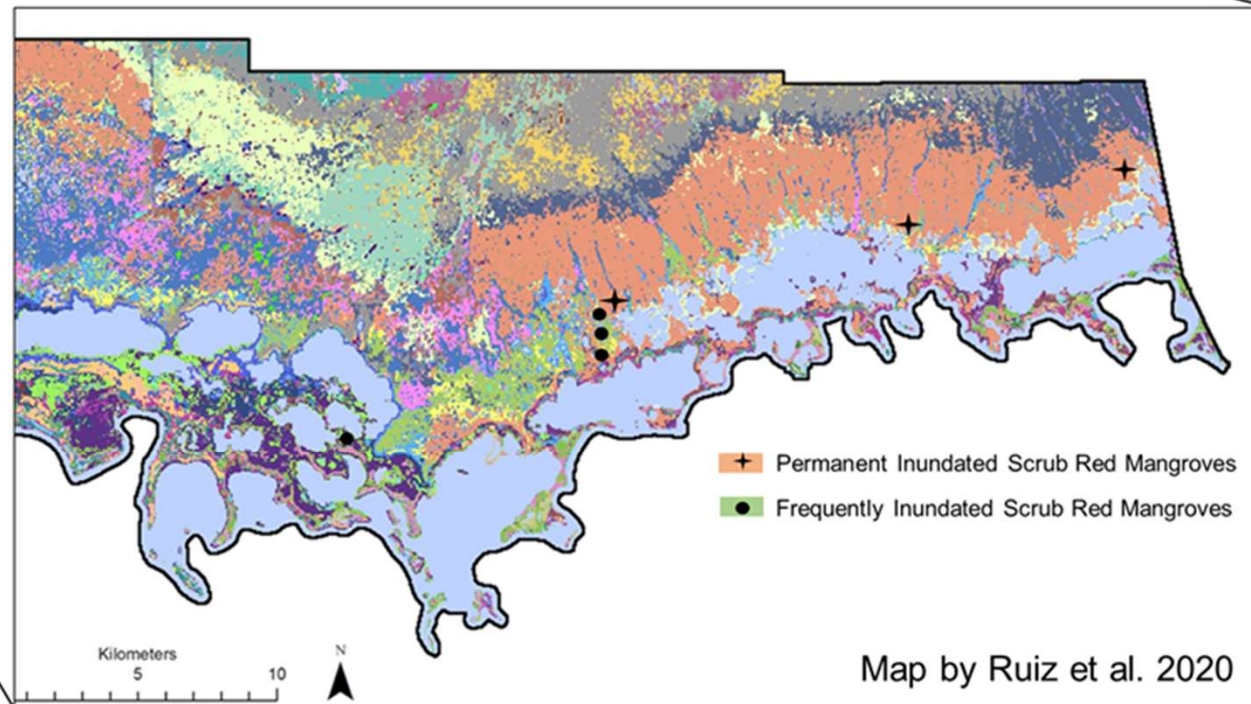
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✚ Permanent Inundated Scrub Red Mangrove

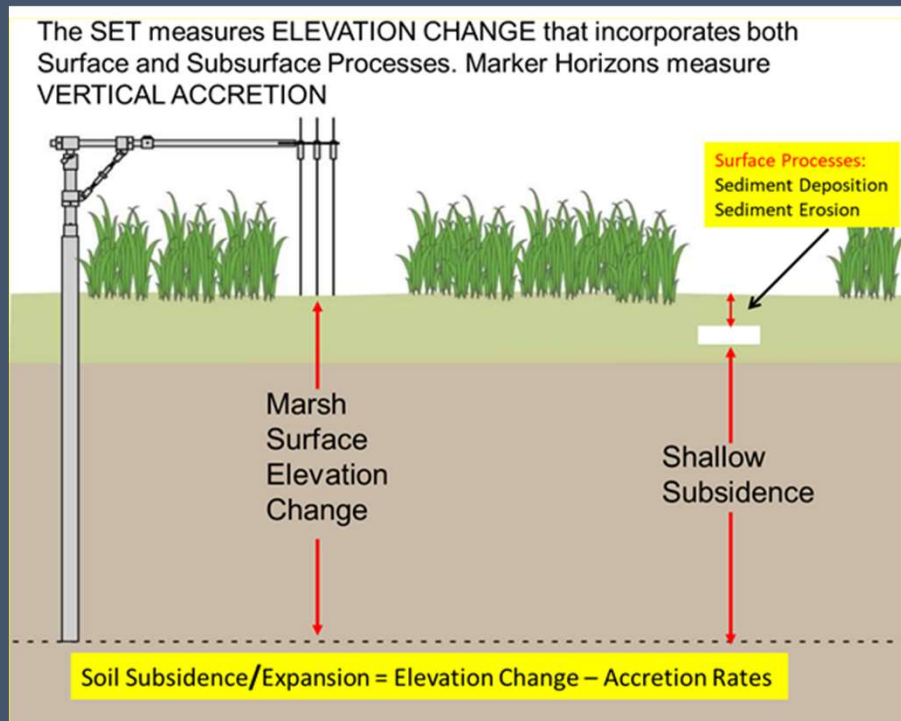


● Frequently Inundated Scrub Red Mangrove



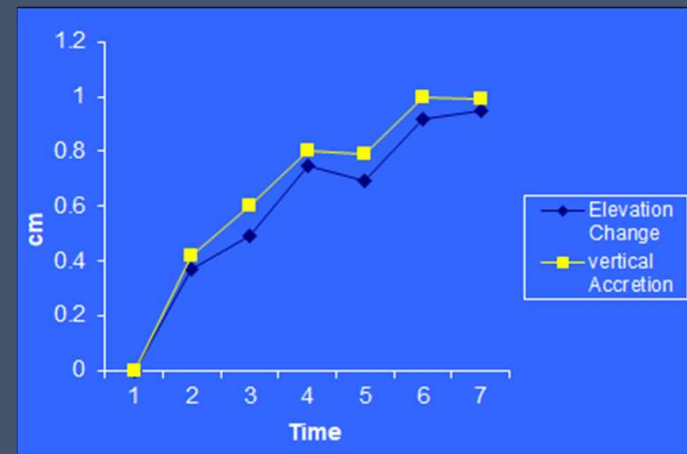
Map by Ruiz et al. 2020

## Field Method: Sediment Elevation Table (SET) and Marker Horizon (MH)

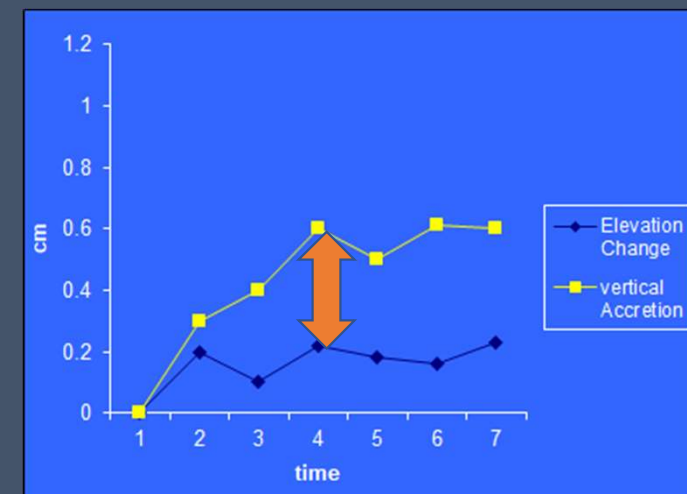


Soil subsidence is process in which there is a loss of soil strength and structural integrity that contributes to a decline in vertical elevation below the lower limit for plant growth and natural recovery

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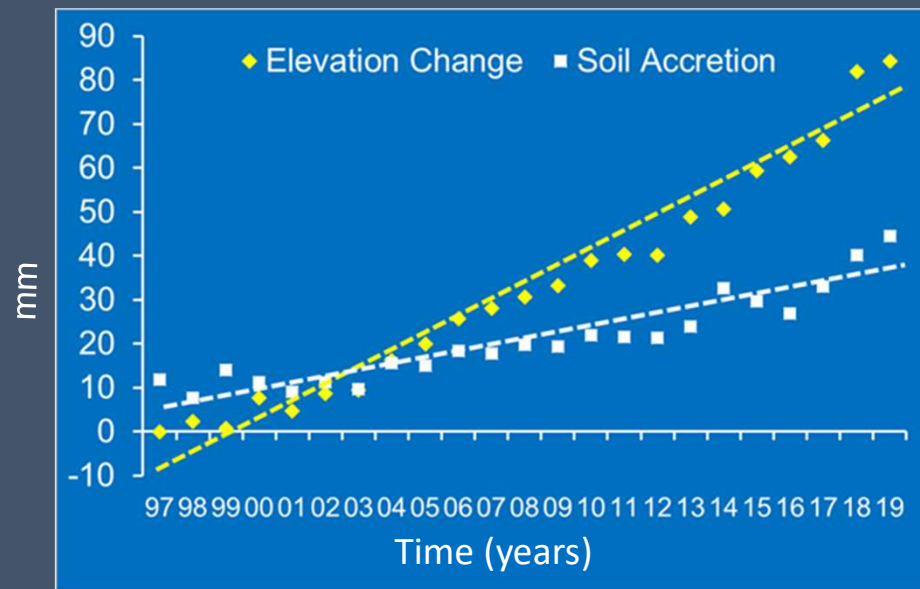
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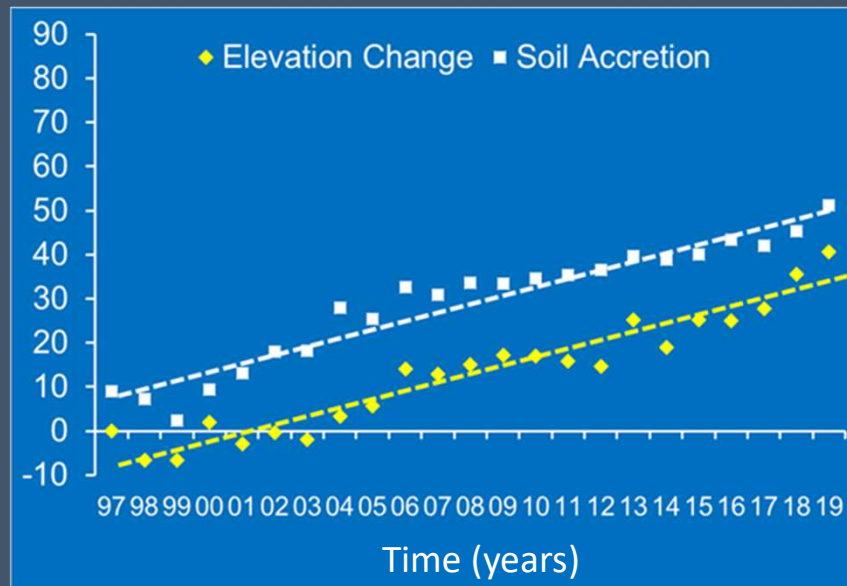


Frequently Flooded n=5



Elevation Change  $3.9 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$   
 Vertical Accretion  $2.1 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$   
**Soil Expansion  $1.8 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$**

Permanent Flooded n=7



Elevation Change  $1.7 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$   
 Vertical Accretion  $1.9 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$   
**Soil Subsidence  $-0.2 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$**



# Summary



- Despite the lack of inorganic sediment input, there is a consistent elevation gain observed on mangrove forests with the “right hydrology (i.e., frequent inundation regimes)” underscoring the importance of belowground processes, such as root production and decomposition, on soil elevation trajectories.
- Permanent flooded sites, located in the white zone, are not keeping pace with current sea level rise trend. It is hypothesized that poor forest structure, low production and salt intrusion are among the factors controlling this trend.
- Although subsidence rates are low, soil elevation at Northeastern Florida Bay locations is not increasing high enough to keeping pace with current sea level rise. Subsidence rates suggest that most of the mangrove forests in South Florida are highly vulnerable to sea level rise.

# WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE METRICS

## Current Main Outcomes

An initial set of prioritized metrics

Recommended approaches to statistical and data analyses

Alternative mapping, chart and graph options to display and communicate results



## ***Overview of the USGS Water Level and Salinity Analysis Mapper***

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Hydrologist

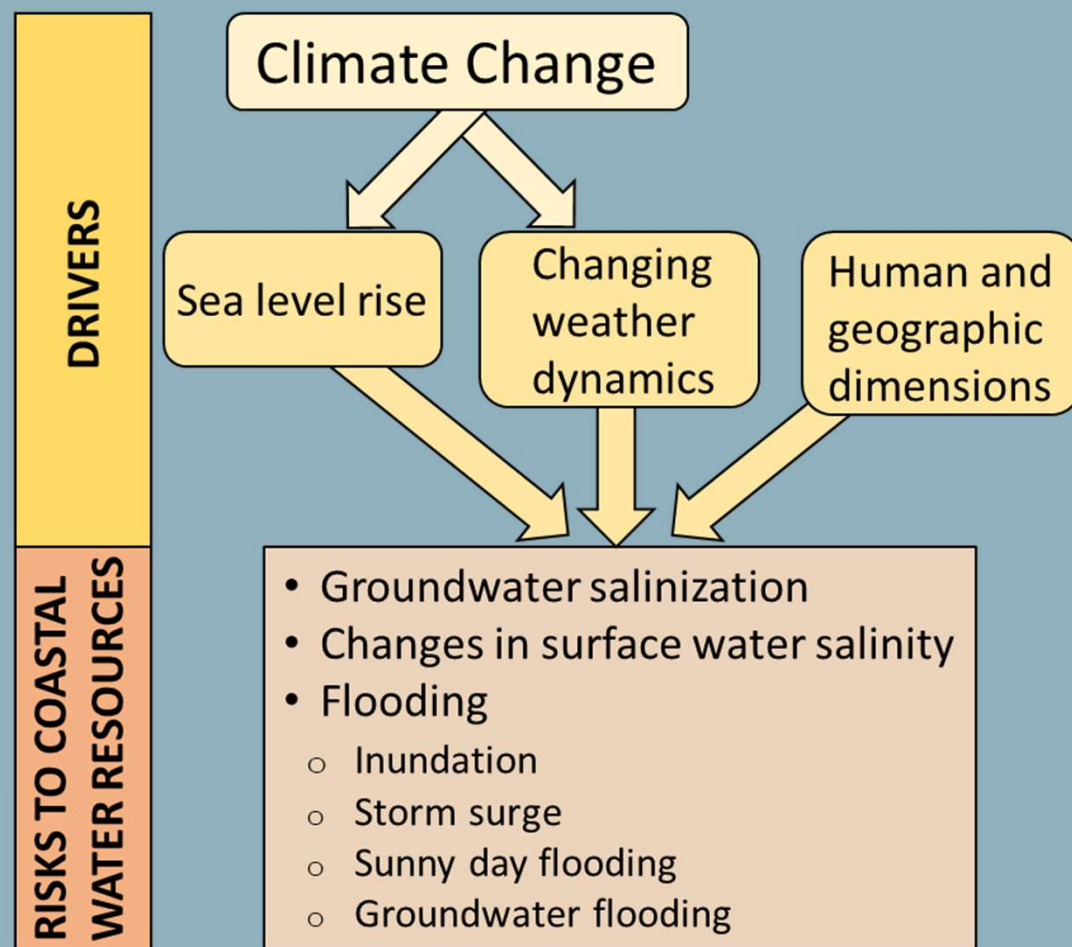
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Water resources in low lying coastal areas are facing a variety of risks driven by climate change and sea level rise.

*How do we make the data we collect useful for water resources management?*



Science-based decision making to prepare for and respond to these risks requires...

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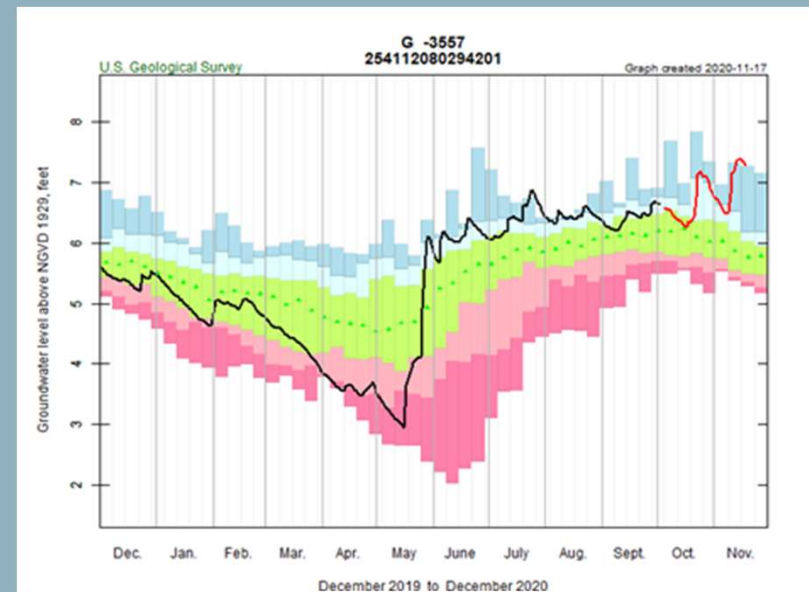


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2. Analyses



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4.00	3.95	4.62	4.77	5.06	5.50	5.67	6.23	26.00
5.00	3.80	4.61	4.71	5.19	5.46	5.86	6.52	26.00
6.00	3.97	4.51	4.64	5.21	5.50	5.77	6.30	26.00
7.00	4.00	4.31	4.57	5.17	5.45	5.68	6.02	26.00
8.00	3.78	4.17	4.47	5.16	5.46	5.77	5.88	26.00
9.00	3.70	4.00	4.40	5.11	5.43	5.79	5.97	26.00
10.00	3.81	4.00	4.30	4.99	5.39	5.80	6.01	26.00
11.00	3.60	3.91	4.21	5.06	5.40	5.74	6.05	26.00
12.00	3.40	3.99	4.17	4.89	5.40	5.71	5.96	26.00

**Note:** An analysis of water level frequencies is conducted, and data for the last year are plotted on the resulting graph.

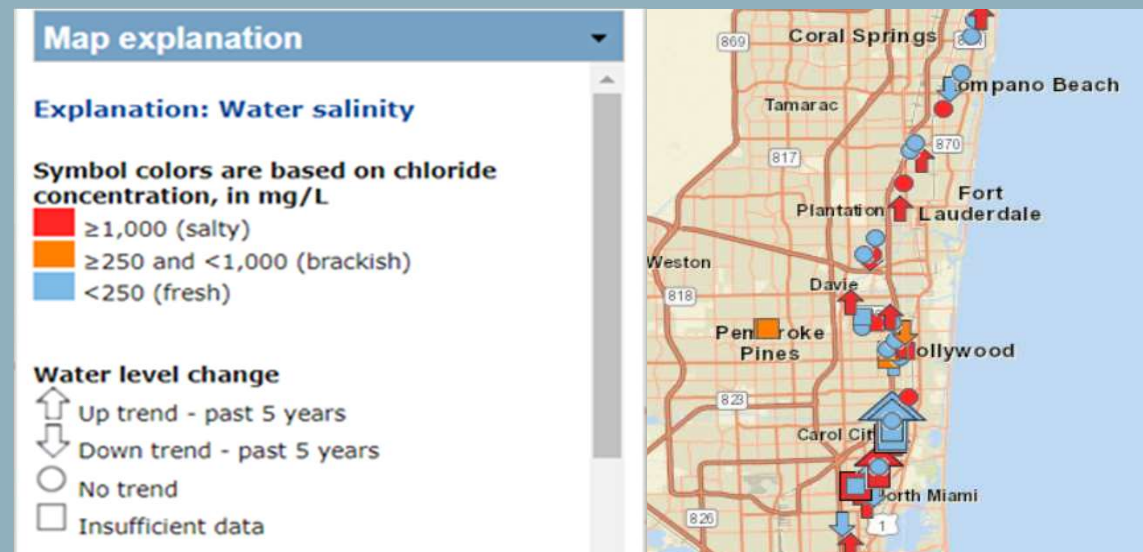
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*USGS Water Level  
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(WLSAM)*



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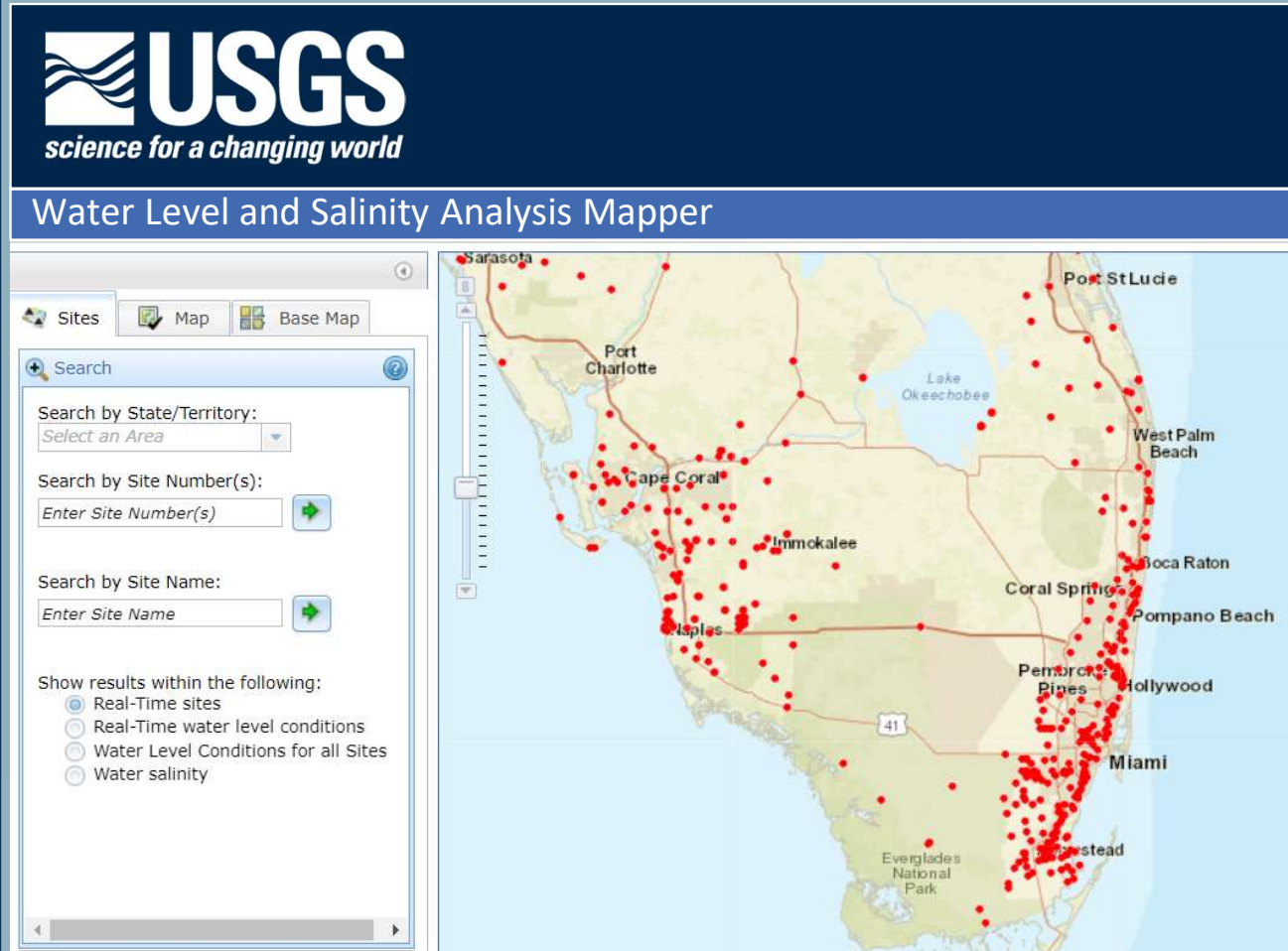


# Overview of WSLAM

Online search tool and map interface



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## Overview of WSLAM

### Data analysis & visuals

- Temporal trends in water level or salinity
  - Symbol indicates direction of change
  - User can select weekly, monthly, or long-term



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### Water Level and Salinity Analysis Mapper

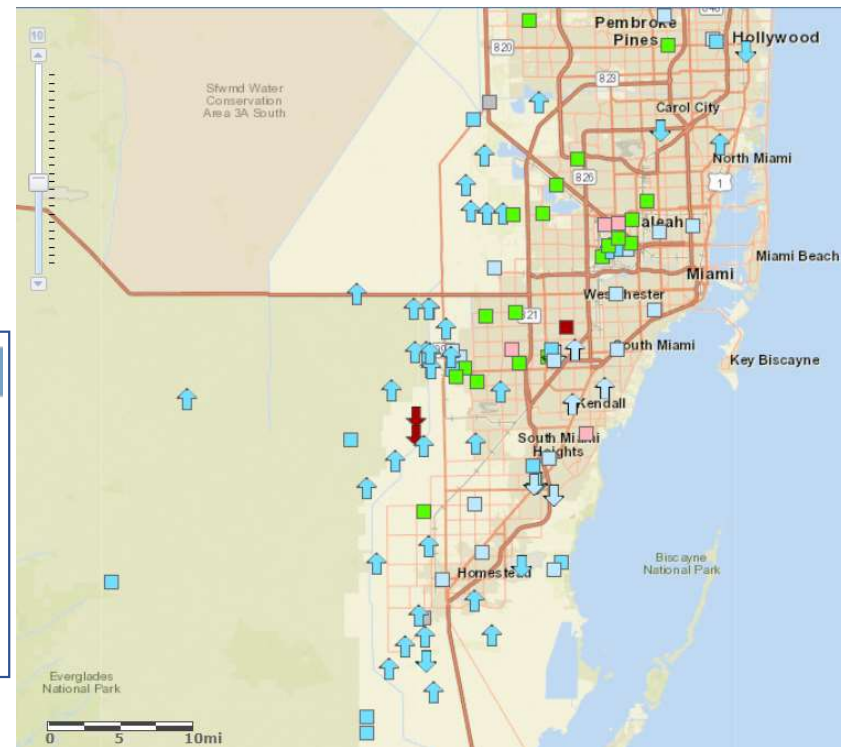
- Select water level analysis
- ☒ Change in the last week
  - ☐ Change in the last month
  - ☐ Five-year trends
  - ☐ Twenty-year trends
  - ☐ Composite trends

#### Map explanation

##### Explanation: Water levels

##### Water level change

- Upward change in water levels
- Downward change in water levels
- No change
- Insufficient data



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## Overview of WSLAM

### Data analysis & visuals

- How do current conditions compare to historical data?

Higher than historical norm

Similar to historical norm

Lower than historical norm



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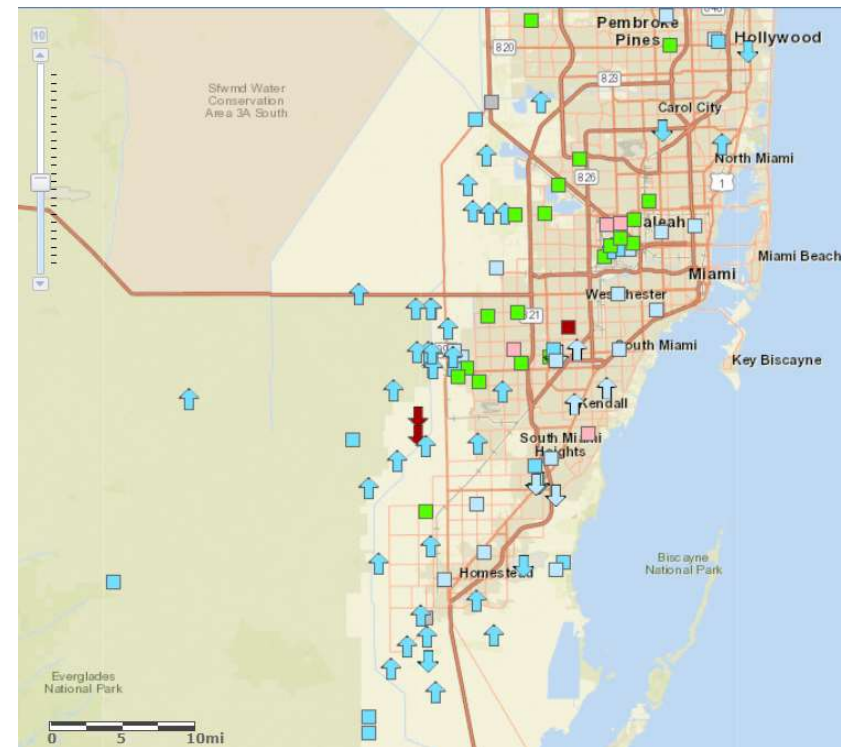


### Water Level and Salinity Analysis Mapper

#### Map explanation

##### Explanation: Water levels

- > 90th percentile
- 76th to 90th percentile
- 25th to 75th percentile
- ≥ 10th to < 24th percentile
- < 10th percentile
- Insufficient data for analysis



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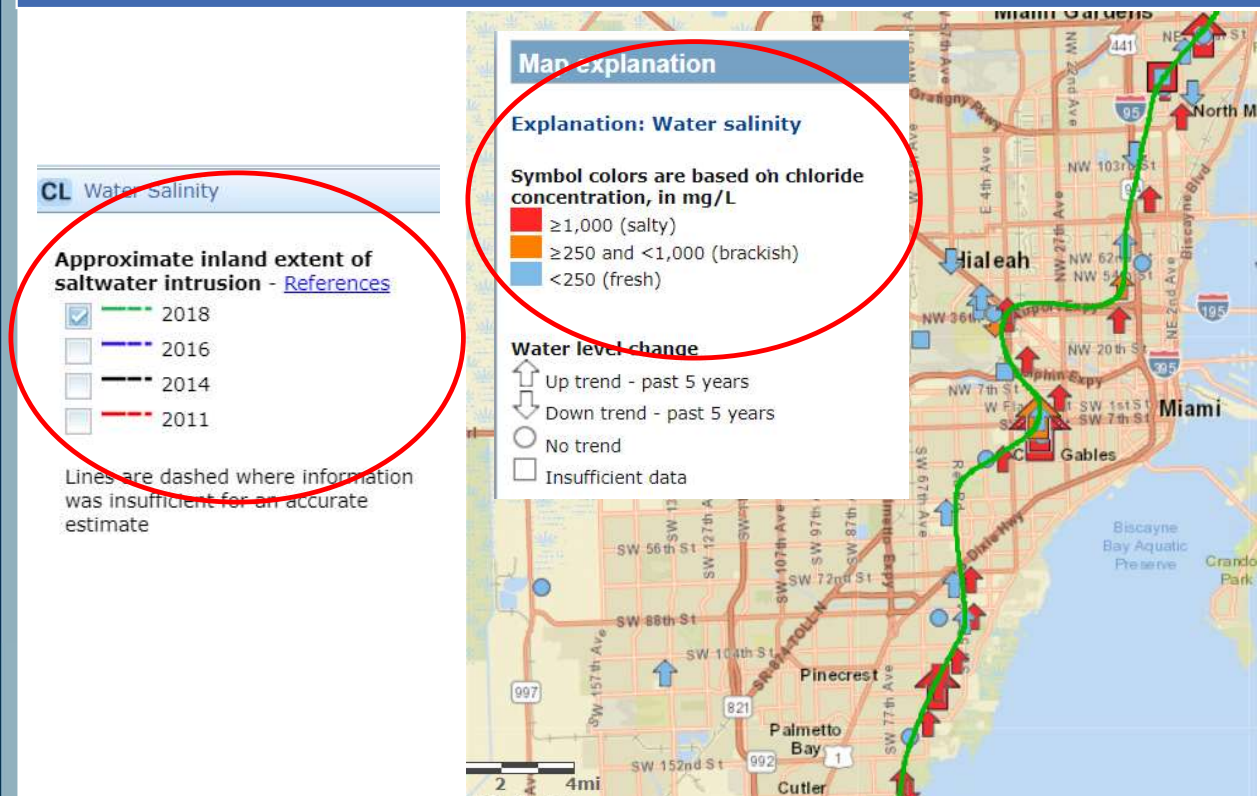
- Extent of saltwater intrusion
- Color indicates chloride concentration
- Can view saltwater intrusion line over time



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# Overview of WSLAM

## Data analysis & visuals

### Pop-up when user selects site

- Most recent value
- Magnitude of recent change
- Long-term trend directions



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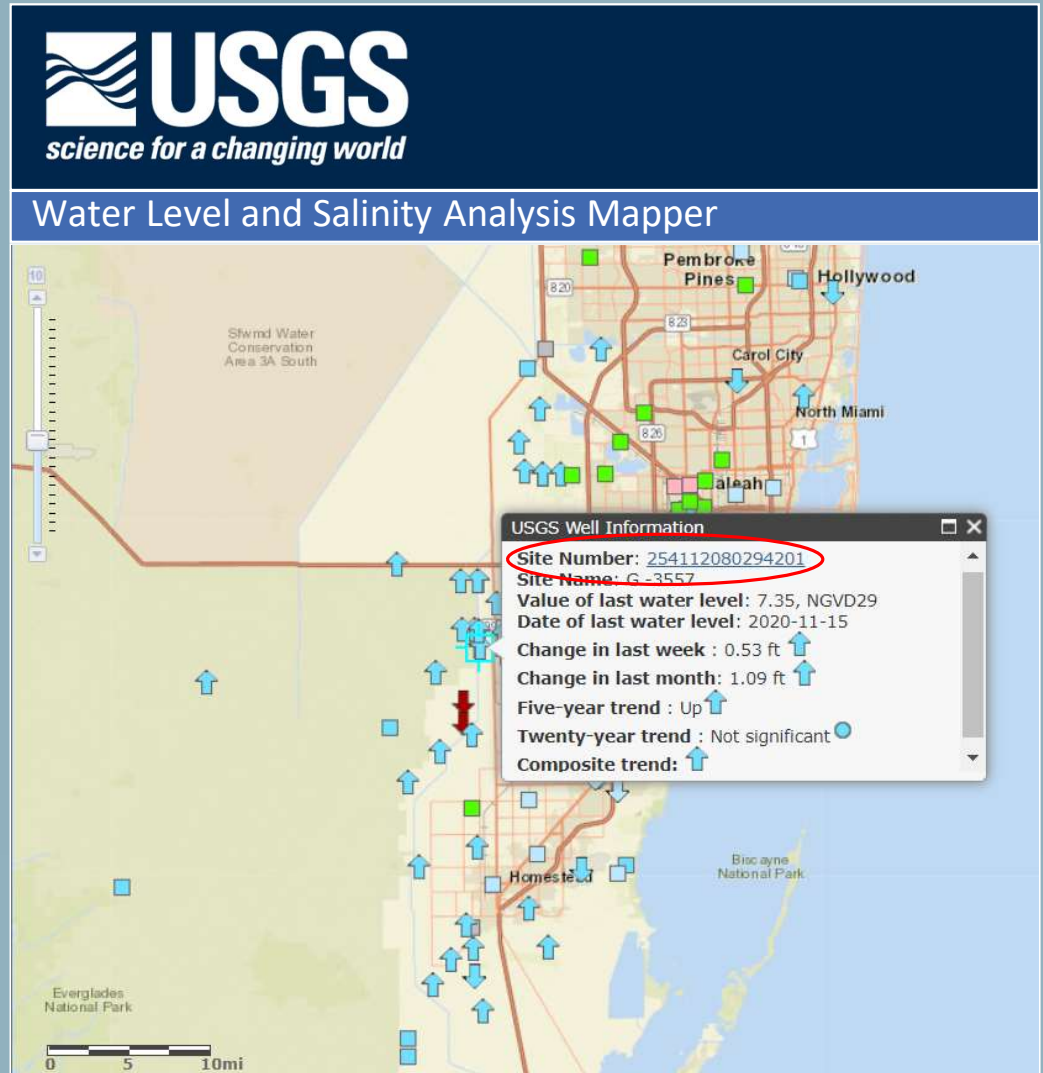
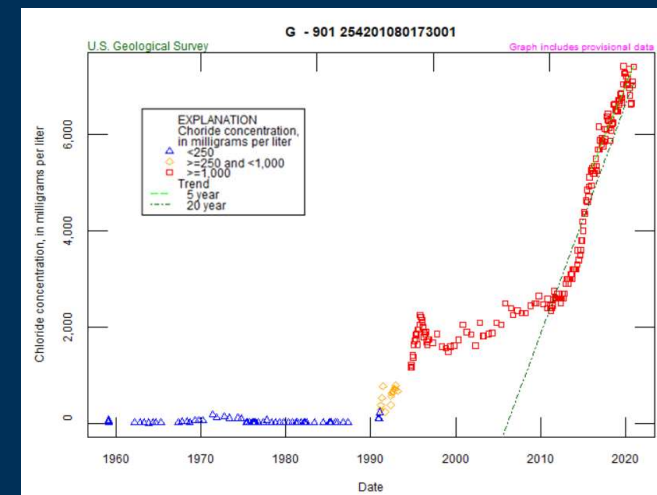
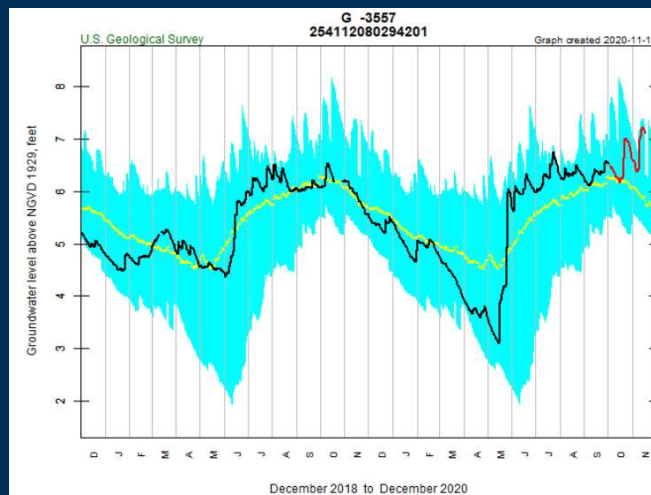
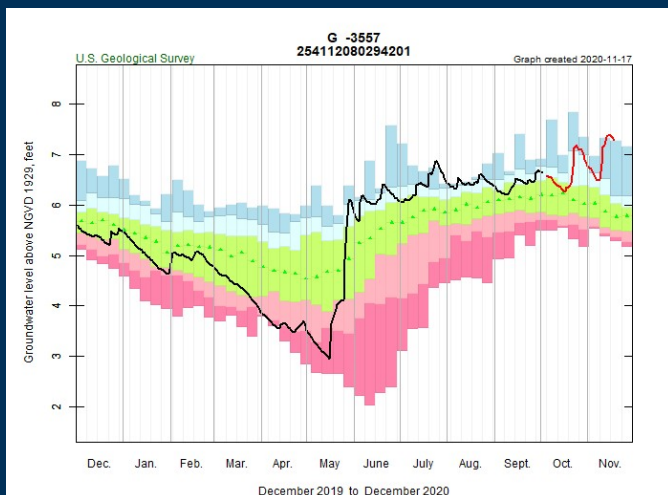


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4.00	3.95	4.62	4.77	5.06	5.50	5.67	6.23	26.00
5.00	3.80	4.61	4.71	5.19	5.46	5.86	6.52	26.00
6.00	3.97	4.51	4.64	5.21	5.50	5.77	6.30	26.00
7.00	4.00	4.31	4.57	5.17	5.45	5.68	6.02	26.00
8.00	3.78	4.17	4.47	5.16	5.46	5.77	5.88	26.00
9.00	3.70	4.00	4.40	5.11	5.43	5.79	5.97	26.00
10.00	3.81	4.00	4.30	4.99	5.39	5.80	6.01	26.00
11.00	3.60	3.91	4.21	5.06	5.40	5.74	6.05	26.00
12.00	3.40	3.99	4.17	4.89	5.40	5.71	5.96	26.00

Note: An analysis of water level frequencies is conducted, and data for the last year are plotted on the resulting graph.

#### Maximum daily water level above NGVD29, in feet.

The most recent daily water level, measured on 2020-11-16, is 7.29 feet. The highest water at this site on this day of the year was 7.29 feet, and the lowest was 5.31 feet.

#### Statistics of maximum daily water level record

Day of year	Maximum	Mean	Minimum	Available data points for this day
1.00	6.22	5.45	4.42	26
2.00	6.17	5.44	4.36	26
3.00	6.30	5.45	4.36	26
4.00	6.36	5.43	4.36	26
5.00	6.36	5.43	4.34	25
6.00	6.30	5.41	4.34	25
7.00	6.27	5.40	4.34	25
8.00	6.27	5.38	4.33	25
9.00	6.27	5.35	4.33	26
10.00	6.27	5.34	4.27	26
11.00	6.21	5.32	4.26	26
12.00	6.12	5.30	4.21	26
13.00	6.08	5.27	4.21	25
14.00	6.05	5.27	4.17	25
15.00	6.02	5.27	4.13	26

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#### Analyses for 5- and 20-year trends in chloride concentration

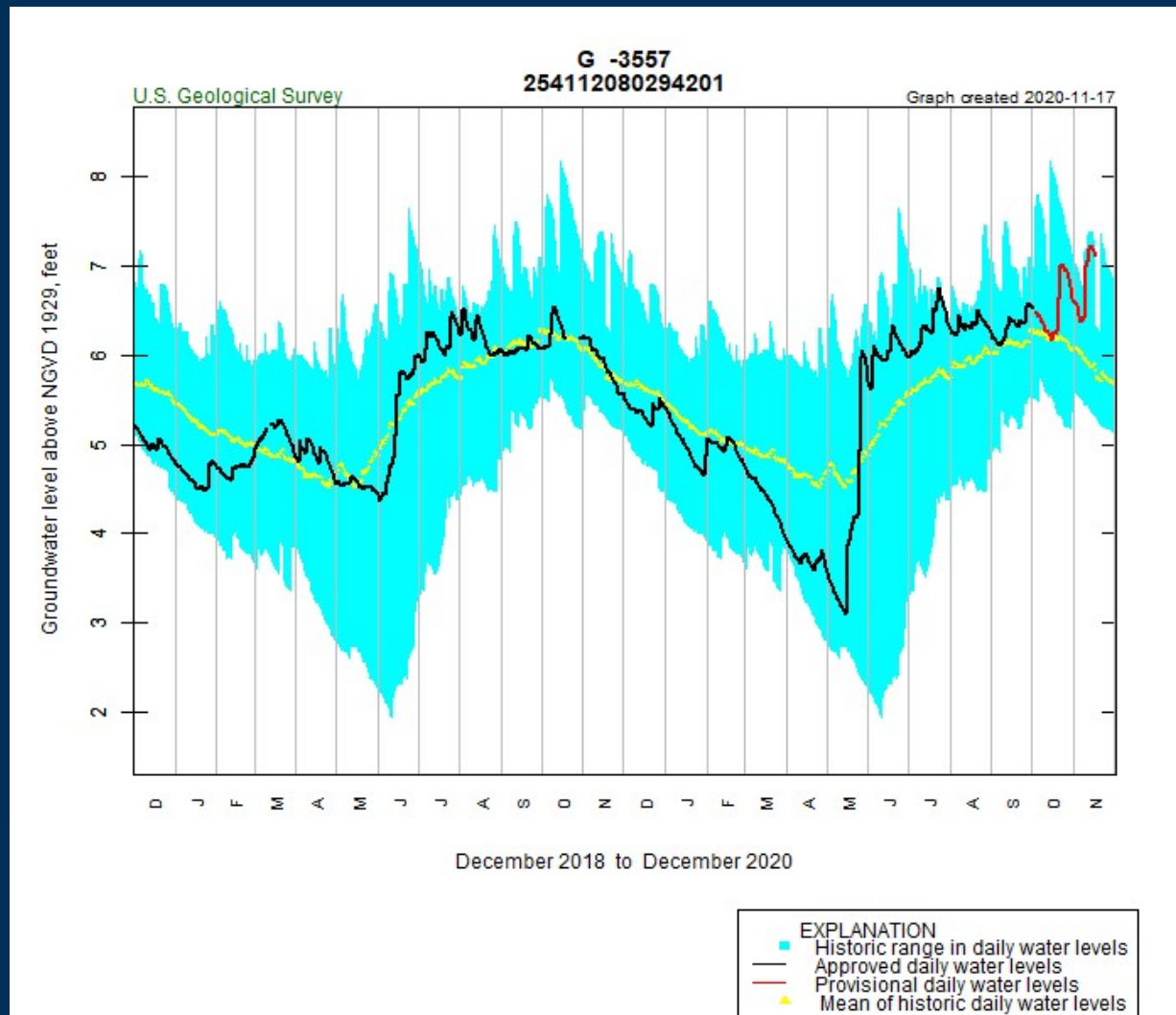
Trend test	Test result	P-value	Kendall's tau	Slope	Intercept
Five Year	Up	0.00	0.79	1.16	-14,223
Twenty Year	Up	0.00	0.92	1.30	-17,121

Analysis	Result
Date of first sample	1959-03-06
First sample result (mg/L)	24
Date of last sample	2020-12-03
Last sample result (mg/L)	7,400
Date of first sample within 250 to 999 mg/L	1991-02-21
Date of first sample with 1,000 mg/L or greater	1994-09-08
Minimum (mg/L)	17
Maximum (mg/L)	7,410
Mean (mg/L)	2,721.136
First quartile (mg/L)	235
Median (mg/L)	2,350
Third quartile (mg/L)	4,850
Number of samples	257

[Download chloride concentration summary statistics data in table format](#)



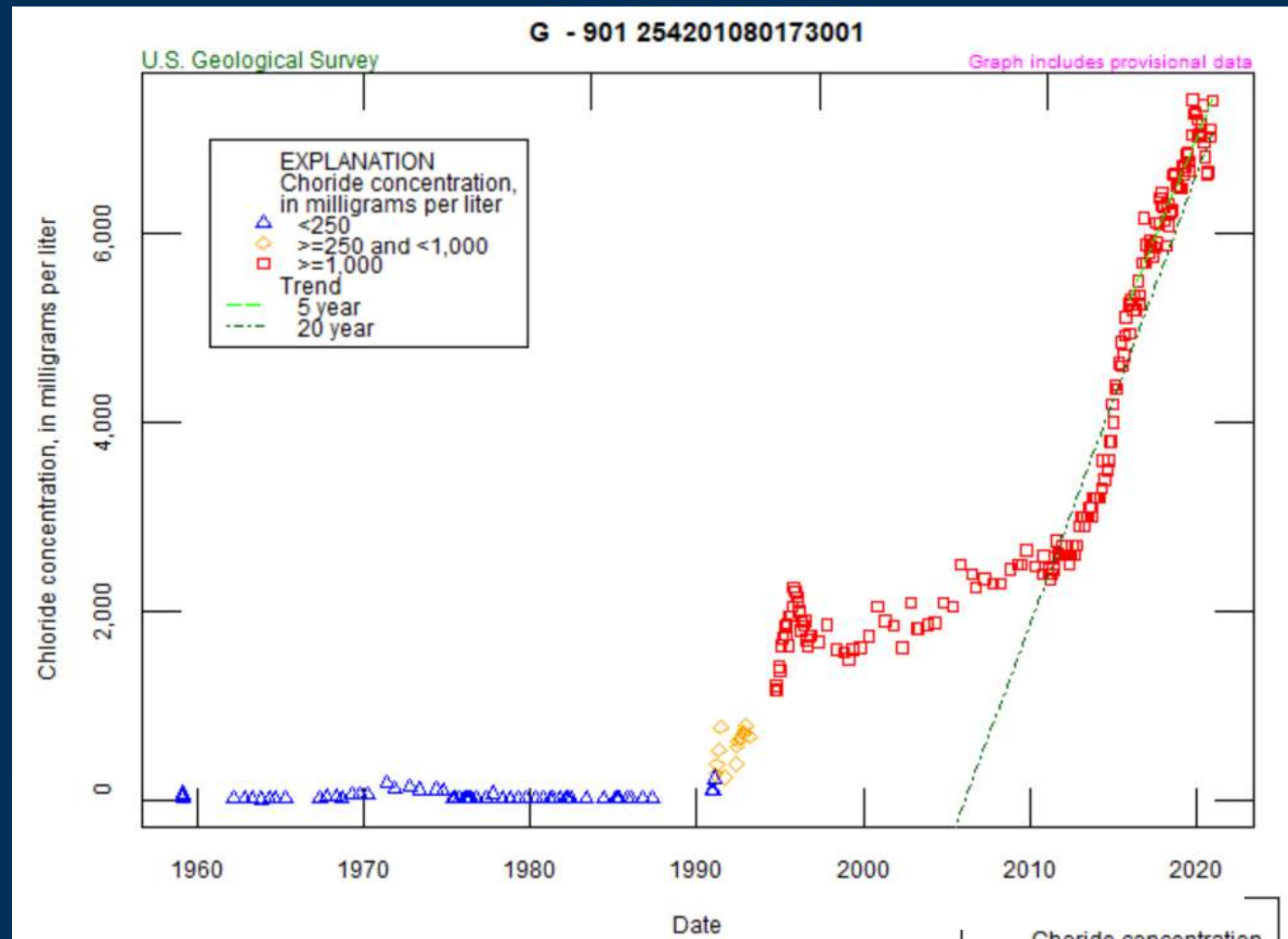
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## Overview of WSLAM

- Online search tools and map interfaces
- Access to data tables
- Data analysis and visuals
  - Temporal trends
  - Current data compared to historical norms
  - Graphical and tabular displays of temporal trends and statistical analysis



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# Next Steps: Implementation

## SFWMD Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

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This interactive map contains information about South Florida Water Management District Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

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HYDROLOGY

WATER QUALITY

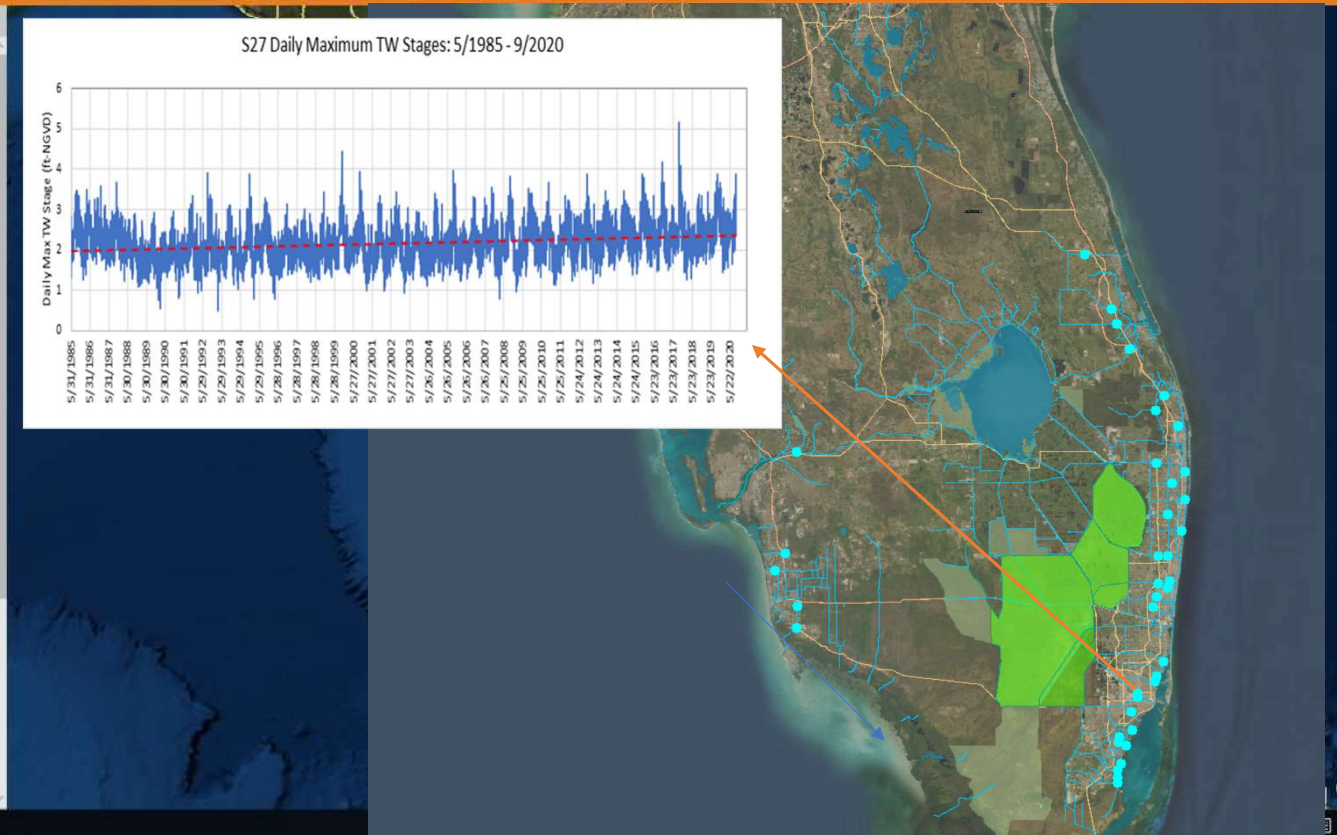
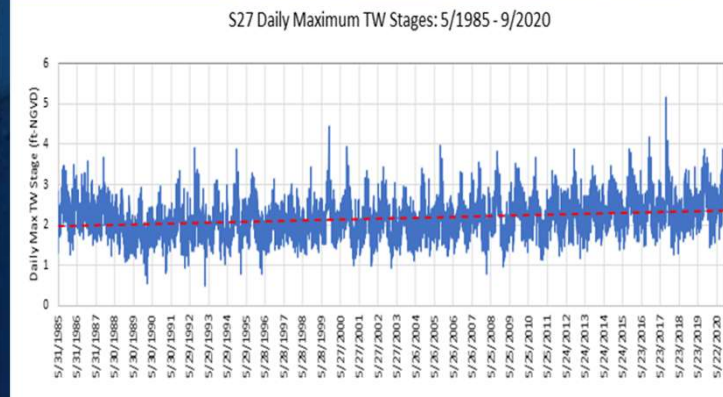
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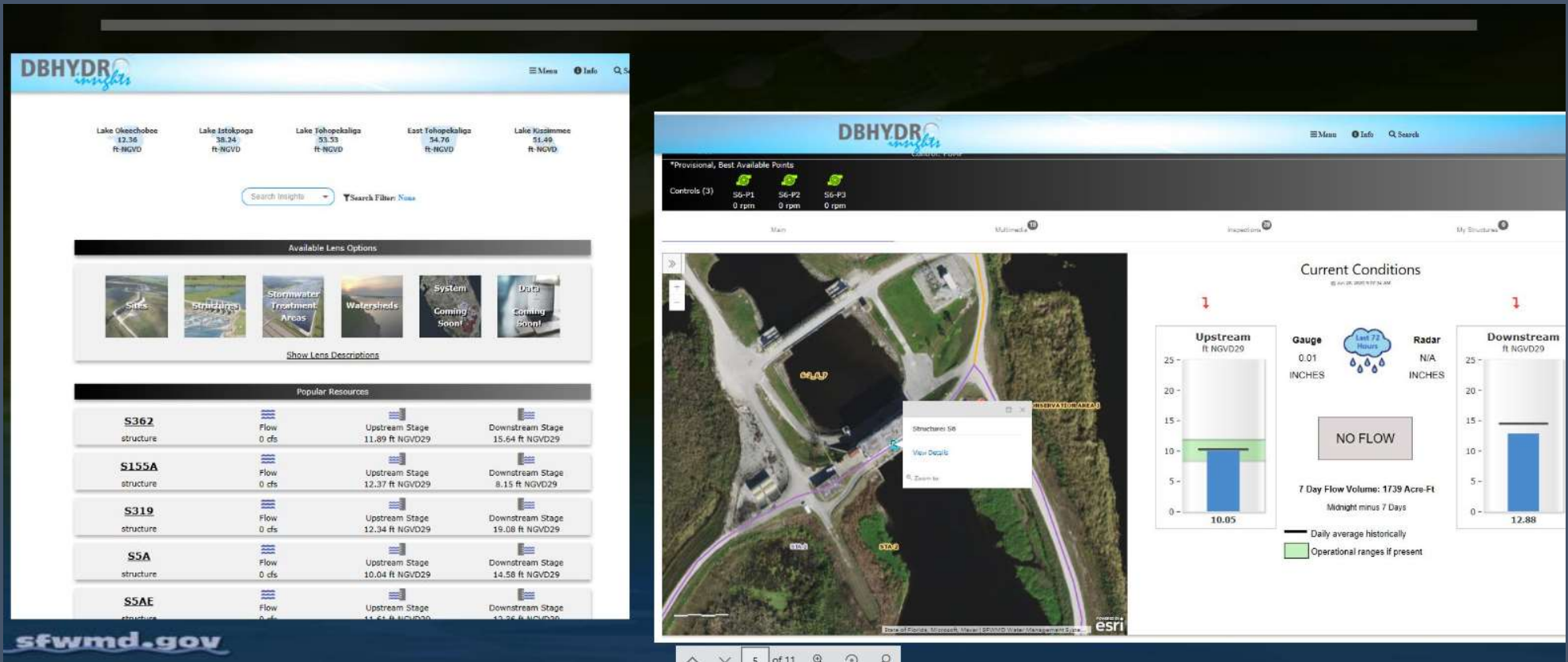
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Saltwater Intrusion/  
Chloride Level Trends

Learn more  
(Data Analysis Approach & Trends Significance)



# DBHydro Insights



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# SFER Annual Reporting

- Home for the scientific discussions
- Chapter / Section to be determined
- Rotating Metrics: major highlights and shifts occurred each year

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# Next Steps

- Incorporate comments and advance districtwide implementation
- Continuous scientific analysis and correlation with additional data, to tease out Climate Change Impacts, as appropriate and possible
- **Estimate Future Projections**

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# Thanks Questions?

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### 3. Public Comment



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## 4. Adjourn

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